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A Geometric Approach to Classifying Sectors

As Airport or Non-Airport

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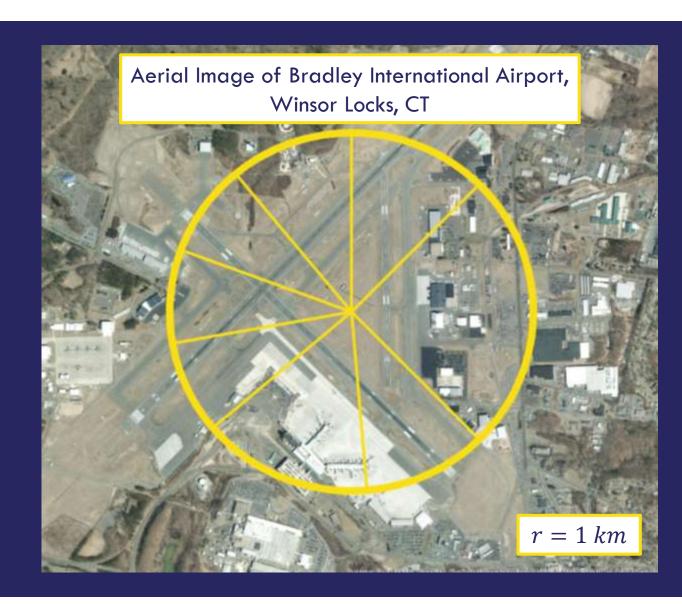
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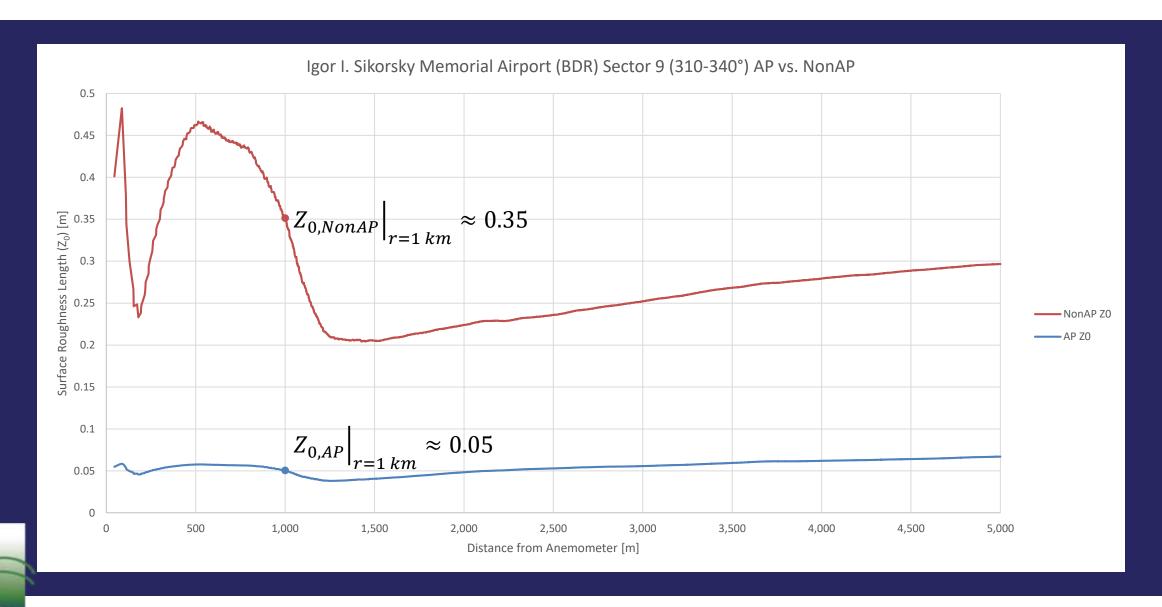


Methodology for Characterizing AERSURFACE Sectors

- Subjective Classifications of Airport and Non-Airport
- Necessity for a standard classification method



The Effect of Accurate Classification



Airport vs. Non-Airport Locations

Discussed in Section 2.3.2 of the <u>User's Guide</u>

Airport

"AERSURFACE assumes airports have lower roughness due to the presence of <u>roads</u>, <u>runways</u>, and other paved <u>surfaces</u>"

Non-Airport

"... assumed to have higher roughness due to the <u>presence</u> of... buildings (i.e., lesser coverage of hard smooth surfaces at ground-level)."

"A sector can be identified as airport or non-airport independently of whether the meteorological tower is physically located at an airport..."



How Should This Sector Be Classified?

Apply definitions of Airport and Non-Airport

What if there are both in a sector?



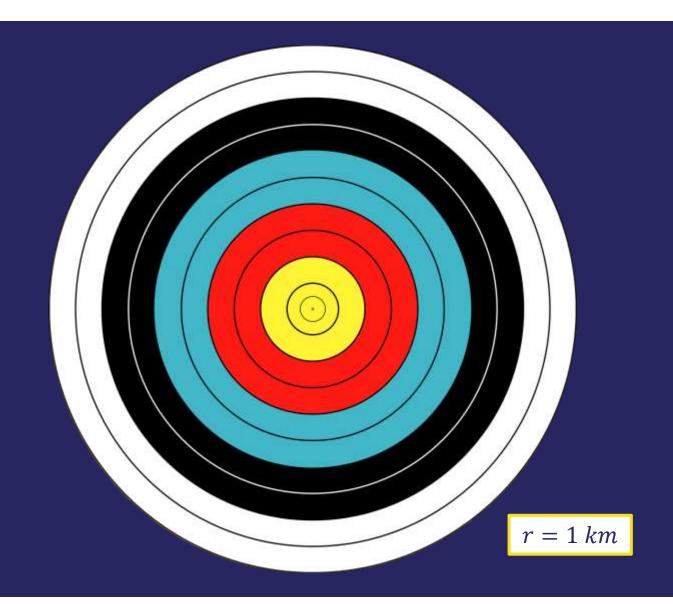


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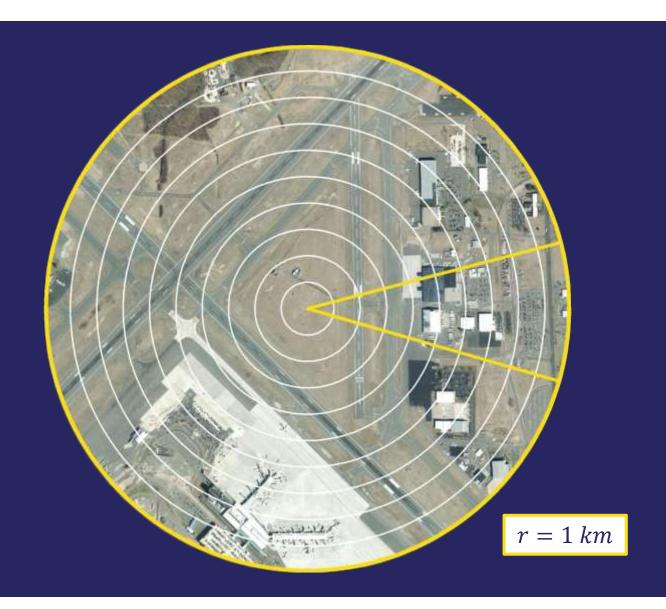
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Mathematical Basis of ZORAD

Equation 1 as found on page 2-17 of the <u>User's Guide for AERSURFACE</u>:

$$\overline{Z_0} = exp \left\{ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{1}{d_i^p} * \ln(Z_{0_i}) \right]}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{d_i^p}} \right\}$$

Where:

- $\overline{Z_0}$: Inverse distance-weighted geometric mean of surface roughness length
- Z_{0i} : Surface Roughness Length for individual grid cell i
- n: Total number of grid cells over which the geometric mean is computed
- i: One of n grid cells
- d_i : Distance between the center of the i^{th} grid cell and the meteorological tower
- ullet p: Weighting factor for distance. Set equal to 1.

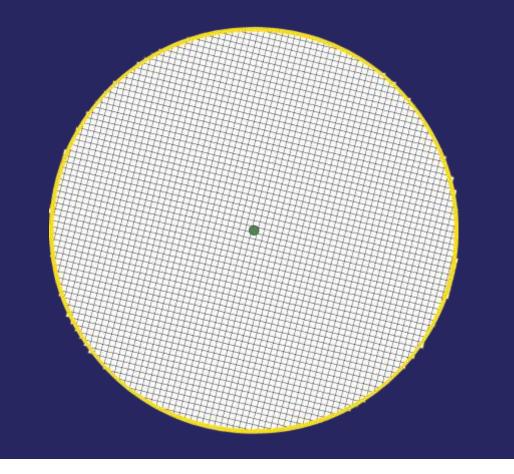
Evaluating the Summation Terms in Equation 1

$$lacksquare$$
 Because $p=1$, $rac{1}{d_i^p}=rac{1}{d_i}$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{d_i} = \frac{1}{d_1} + \frac{1}{d_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{d_{n-1}} + \frac{1}{d_n}$$

Where

•
$$0 < d_i \le Z0RAD$$



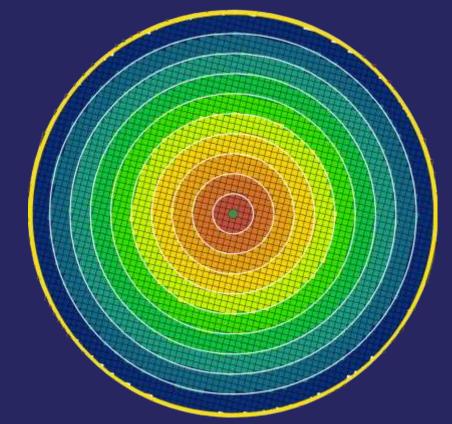
Let's separate $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{d_i}$ into evenly-spaced concentric rings of thickness t

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{d_i} = \left(\frac{1}{d_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{d_j}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{d_k} + \dots + \frac{1}{d_l}\right) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{d_m} + \dots + \frac{1}{d_n}\right)$$

Where

- \bullet $0 < d_1, d_i \le t$
- $t < d_k, d_l \le 2t$
- $\overline{Z0RAD t} < d_m$, $d_n \le Z0RAD$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{d_i} = \sum_{i=1}^{j} \frac{1}{d_i} + \sum_{i=k}^{l} \frac{1}{d_i} + \dots + \sum_{i=m}^{n} \frac{1}{d_i}$$



Number of Cells in Annular Ring:



Annular Ring

0 - 100 m

100 - 200 m

200 - 300 m

300 - 400 m

400 - 500 m

500 - 600 m

600 - 700 m

700 - 800 m

800 - 900 m

Number of Cells in Annular Ring: 103



Annular Ring

0 - 100 m

100 - 200 m

200 - 300 m

300 - 400 m

400 - 500 m

500 - 600 m

600 - 700 m

700 - 800 m

800 - 900 m

Number of Cells in Annular Ring: 173



Annular Ring

0 - 100 m

100 - 200 m

<u>200 - 300 m</u>

300 - 400 m

400 - 500 m

500 - 600 m

600 - 700 m

700 - 800 m

800 - 900 m

Number of Cells in Annular Ring:

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Annular Ring

0 - 100 m

100 - 200 m

200 - 300 m

<u>300 - 400 m</u>

400 - 500 m

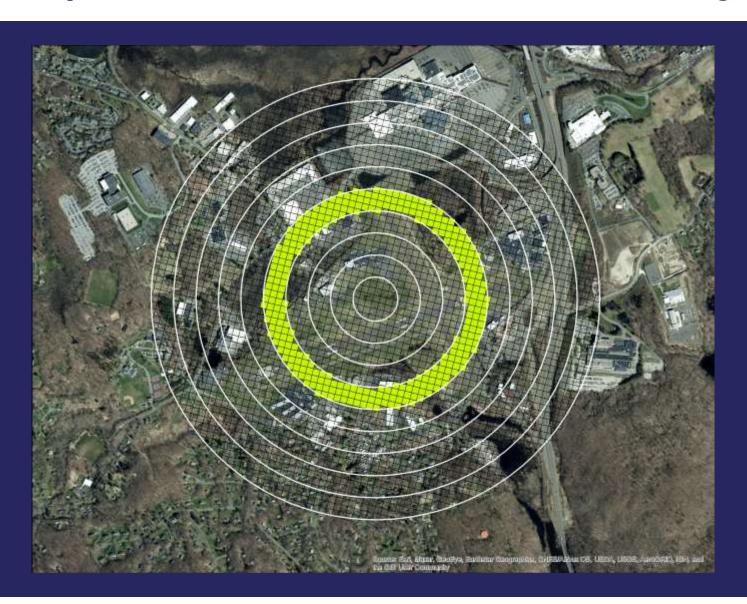
500 - 600 m

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700 - 800 m

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Number of Cells in Annular Ring: 313



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<u>400 - 500 m</u>

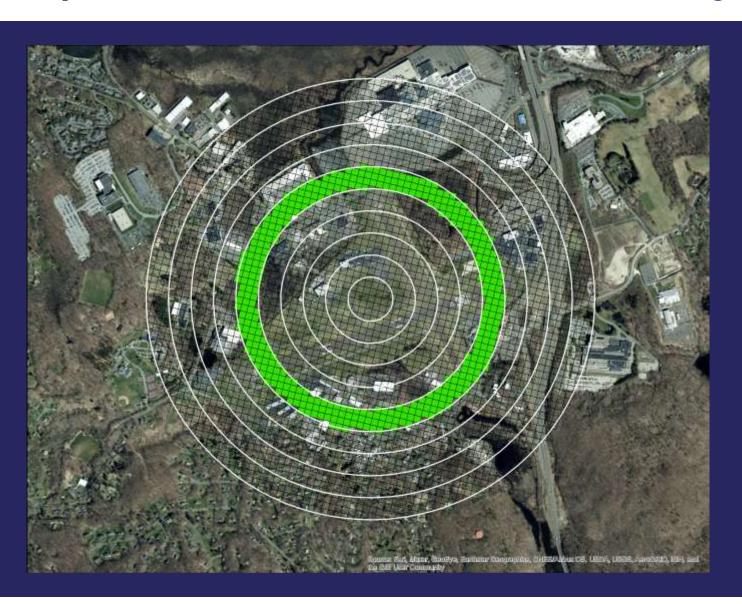
500 - 600 m

600 - 700 m

700 - 800 m

800 - 900 m

Number of Cells in Annular Ring: 381



Annular Ring

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400 - 500 m

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600 - 700 m

700 - 800 m

800 - 900 m

Number of Cells in Annular Ring: 460



Annular Ring

0 - 100 m

100 - 200 m

200 - 300 m

300 - 400 m

400 - 500 m

500 - 600 m

600 - 700 m

700 - 800 m

800 - 900 m

Number of Cells in Annular Ring: 517



Annular Ring

0 - 100 m

100 - 200 m

200 - 300 m

300 - 400 m

400 - 500 m

500 - 600 m

600 - 700 m

700 - 800 m

800 - 900 m

Number of Cells in Annular Ring: 596



Annular Ring

0 - 100 m

100 - 200 m

200 - 300 m

300 - 400 m

400 - 500 m

500 - 600 m

600 - 700 m

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Number of Cells in Annular Ring:

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400 - 500 m

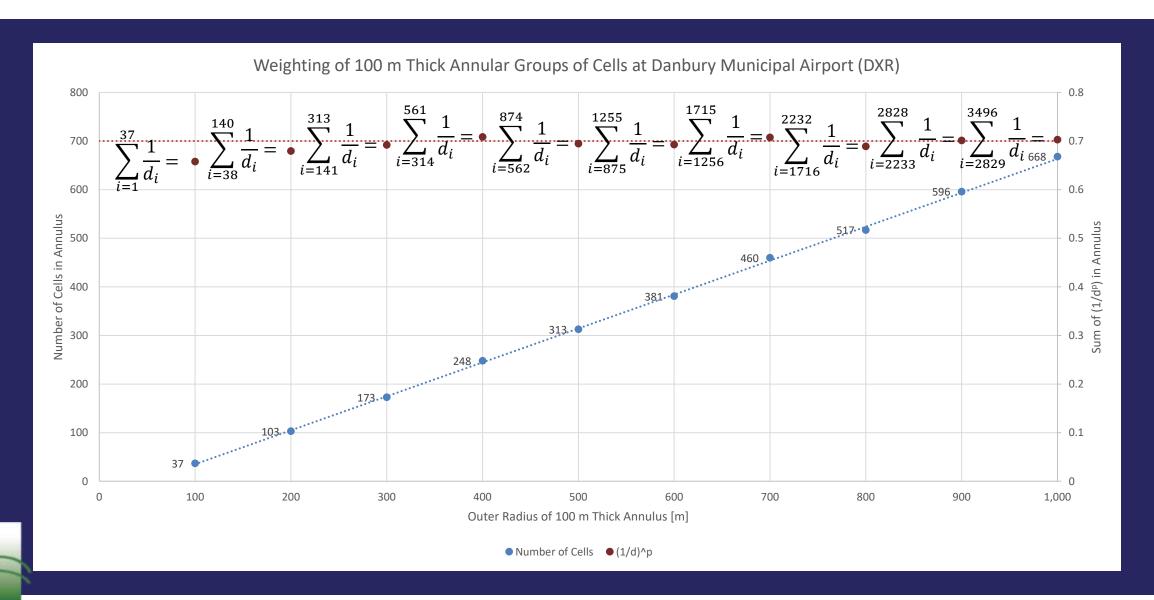
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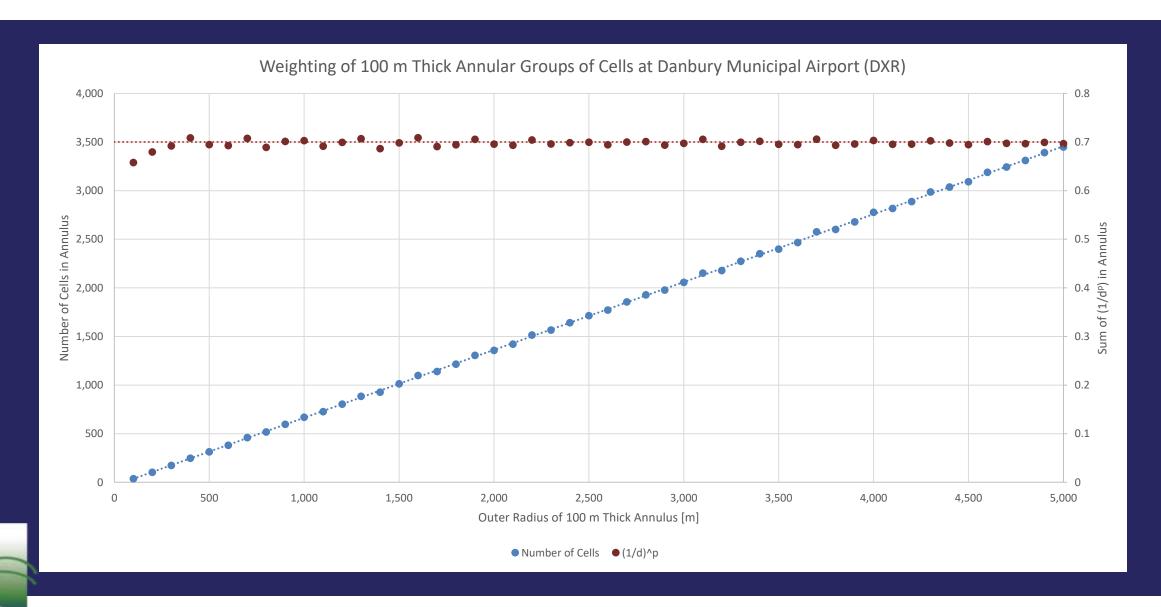
700 - 800 m

800 - 900 m

Graphical Representation of Inverse Weighting



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Takeaways of the Annular Ring Approach

ightharpoonup If p=1, proportionally sized groups of cells have <u>EQUAL</u> weight!

Provides a quantitative, not subjective, method for classifying sectors



Sector Design Process

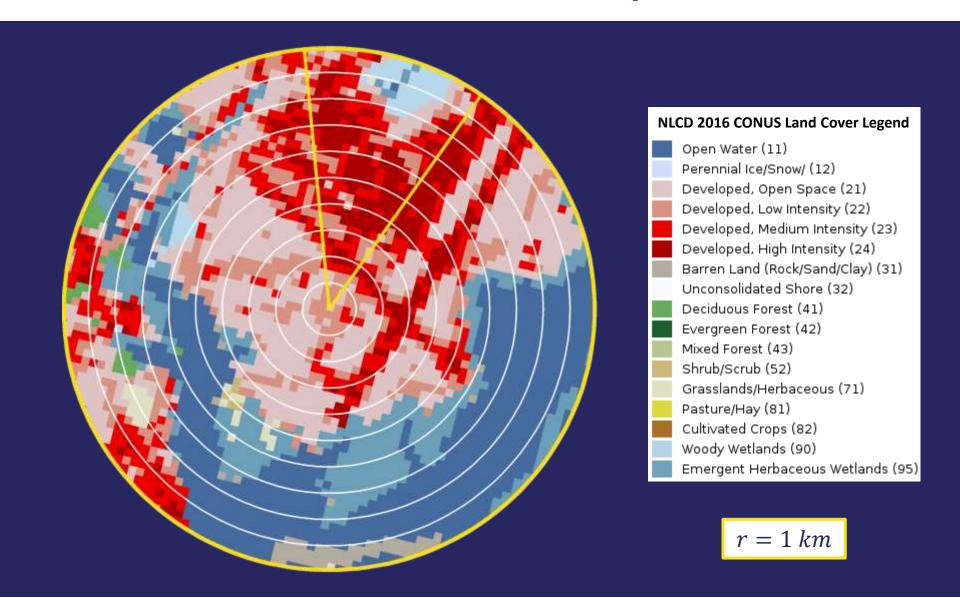
- 1) Draw sector lines to split area into sectors of similar land cover
- 2) Divide area into evenly-spaced concentric circles
- 3) How many rings are clearly comprised of roads? Of buildings?
 - If more rings in a sector are comprised of flat surfaces, i.e. roads, parking lots, etc., then characterize the sector as Airport
 - Otherwise, Non-Airport

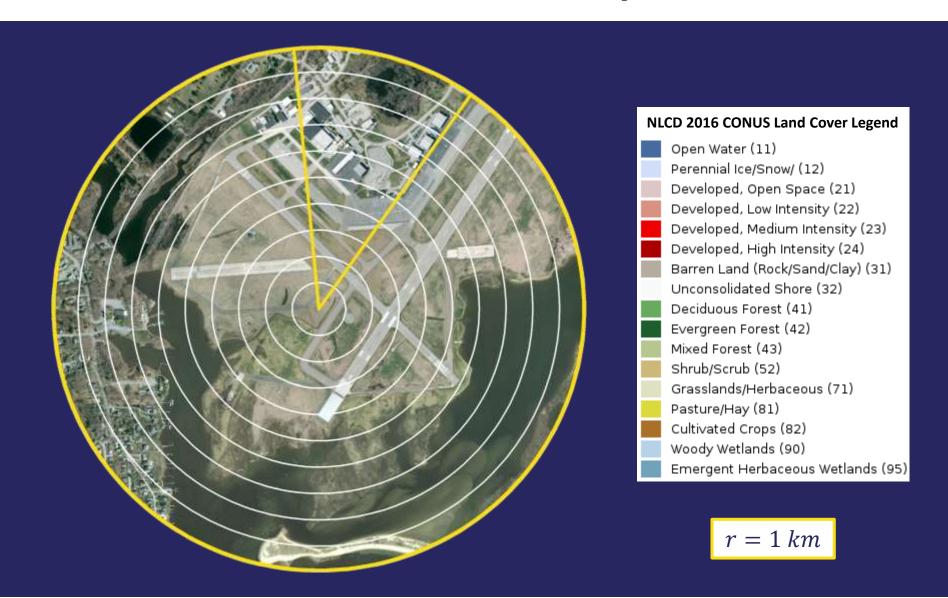


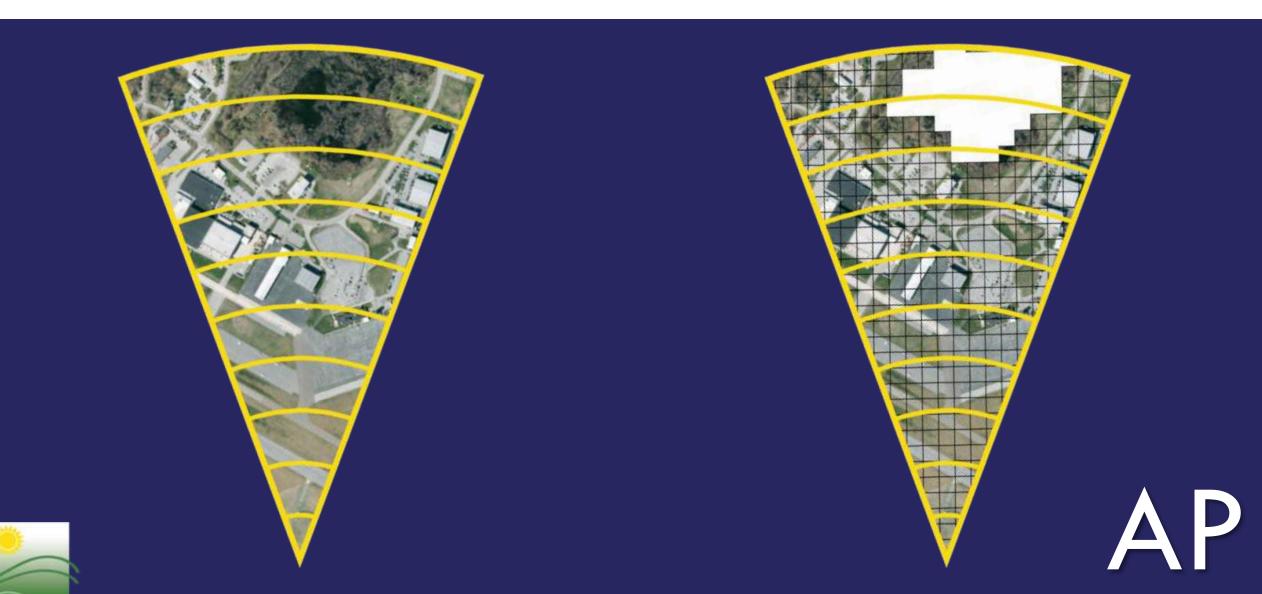
Let's Designate a Sector!

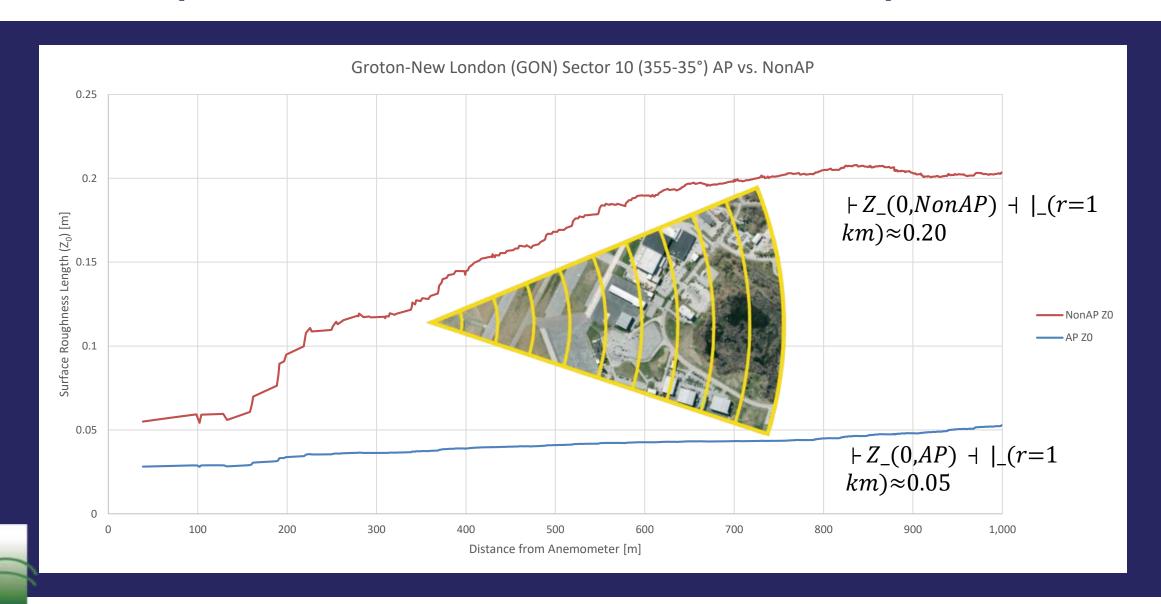
- Example 1: Groton-New London Airport
 - Runway and parking lots before reaching the airport terminals and hangars
- Example 2: Windham Airport
 - Small amount of runway and a residential neighborhood
- Example 3: Bradley International Airport
 - Previous example of runway and buildings associated with airport operations

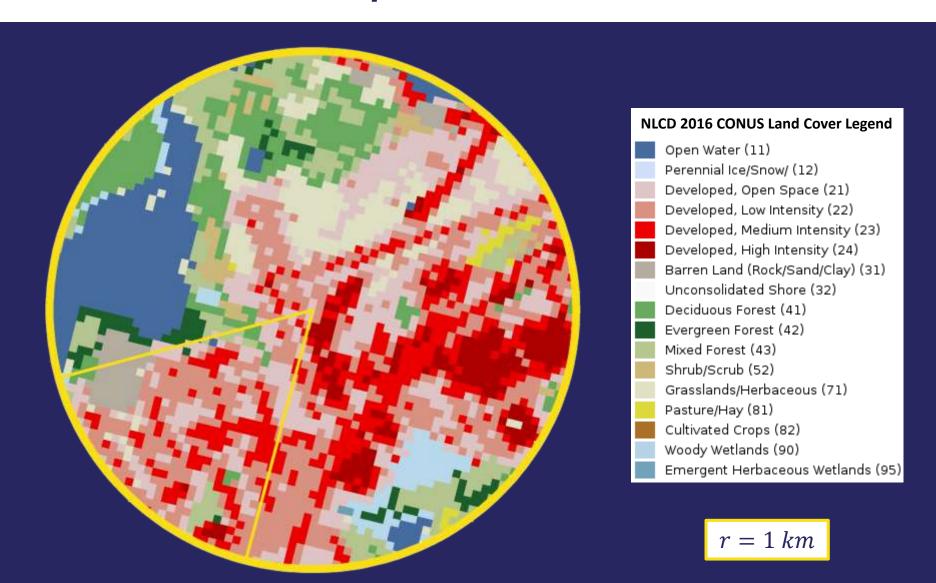


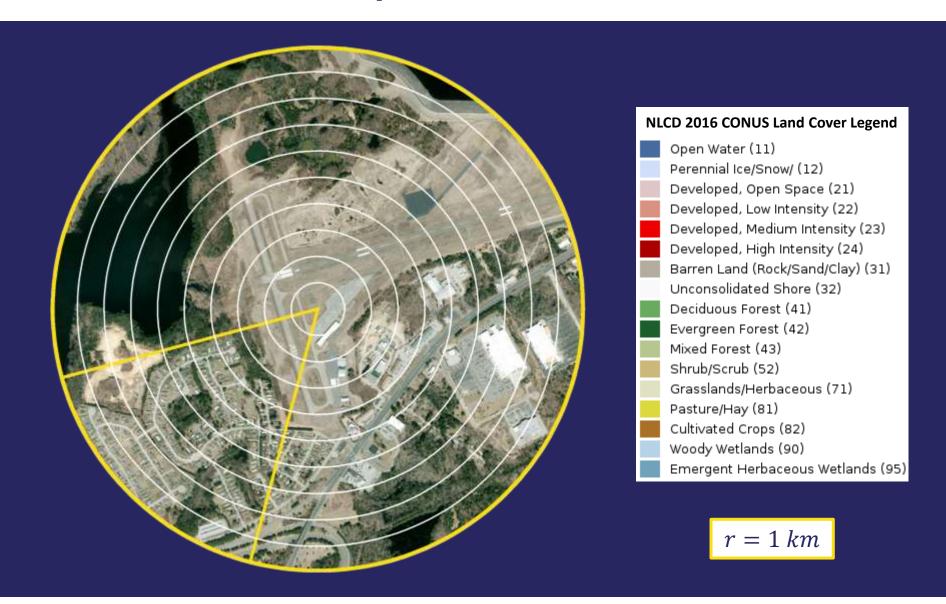


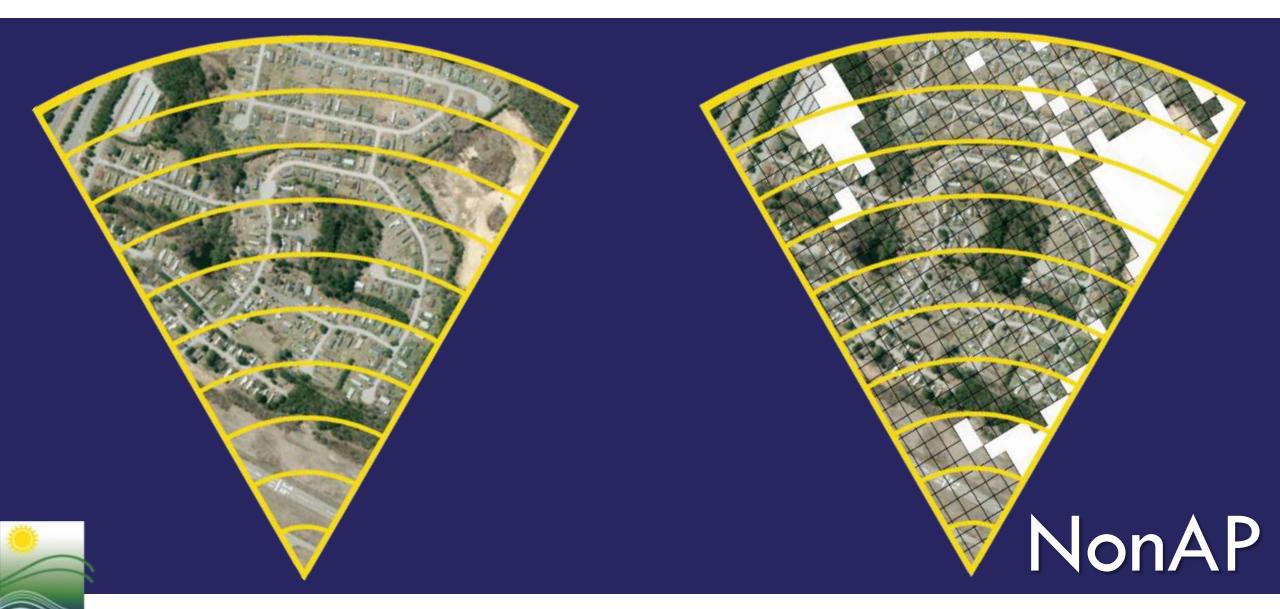


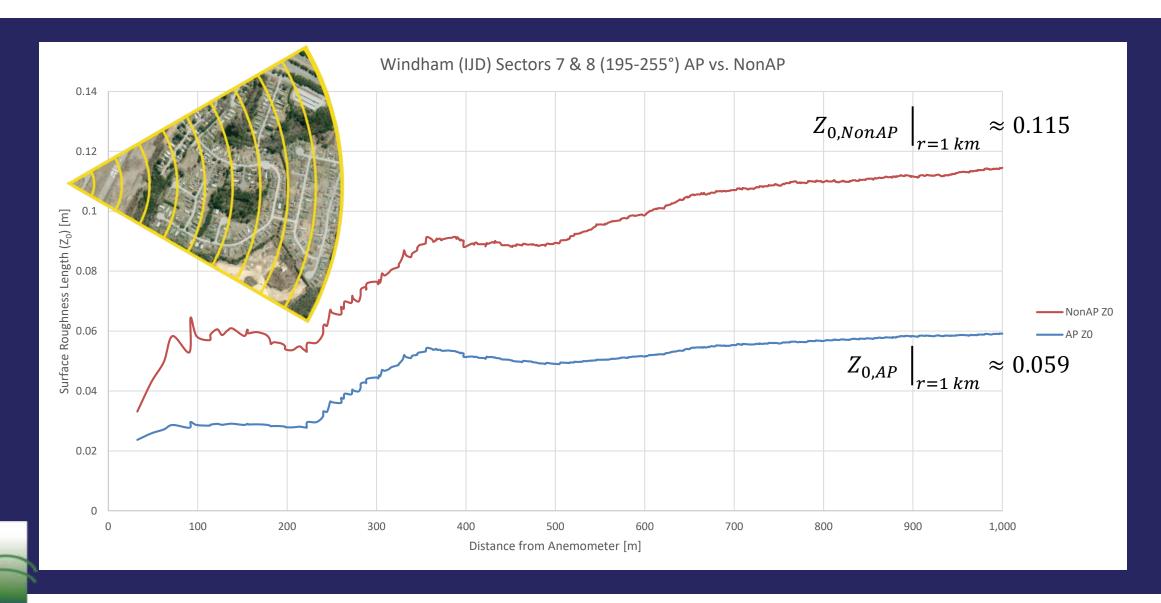




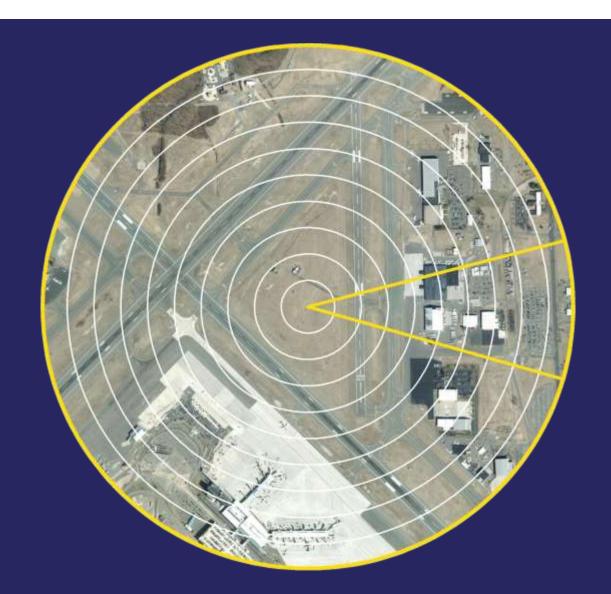






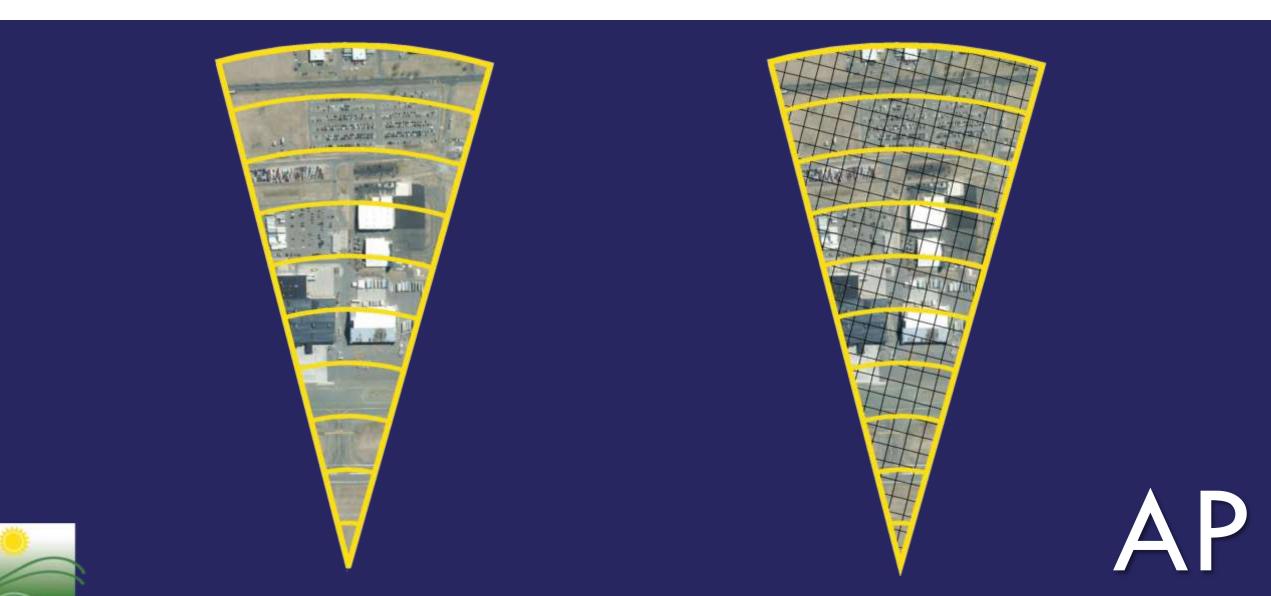


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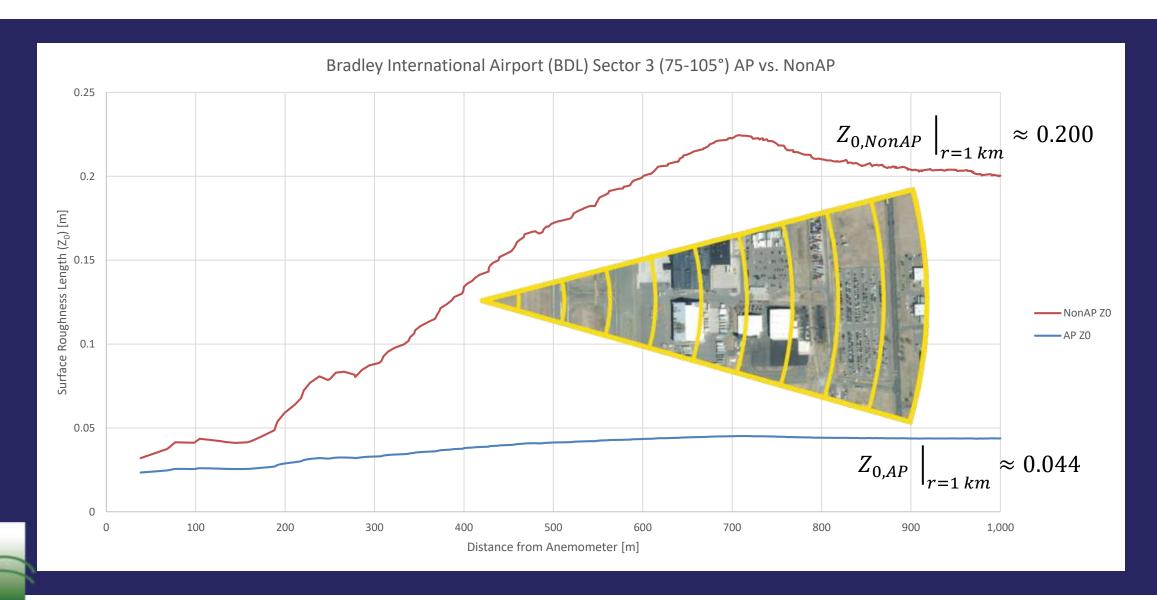


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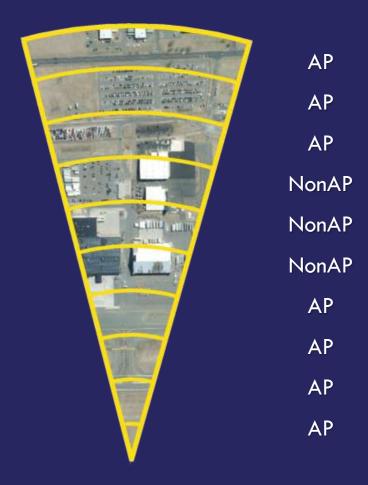


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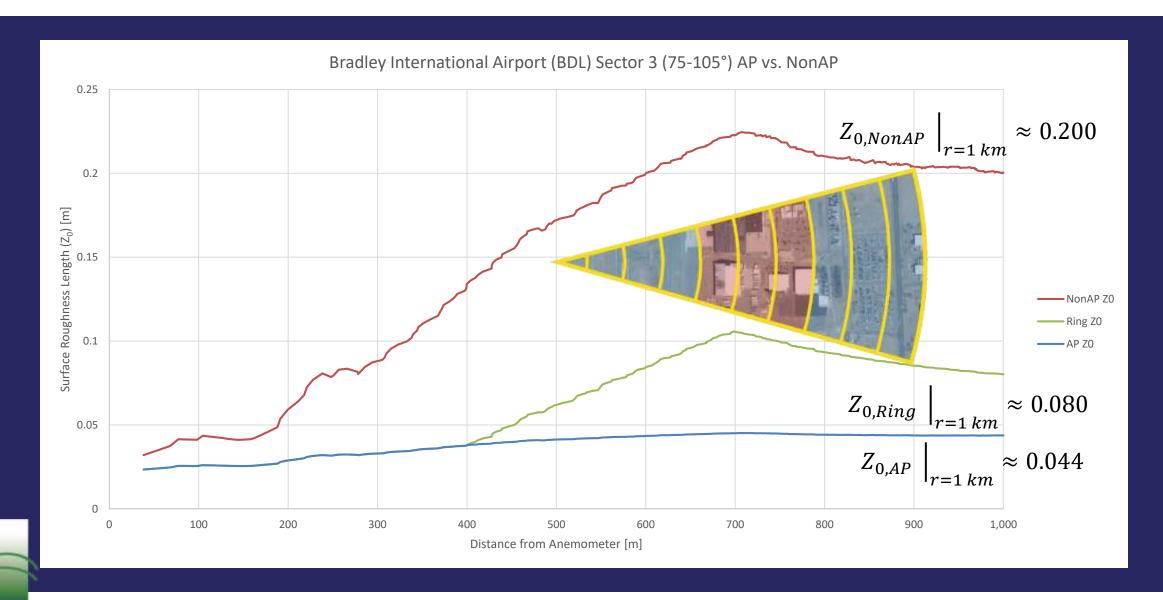
Is the Surface Roughness Being Accurately Captured?

Add ability to classify airport/non-airport cells within a sector

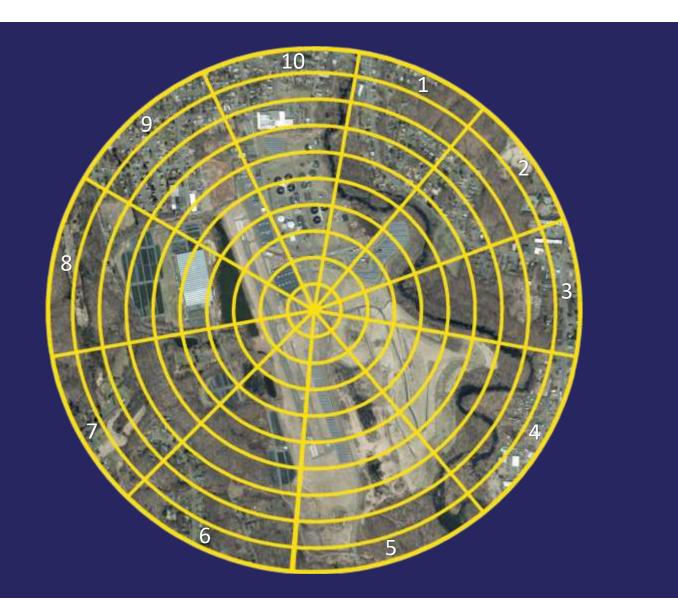




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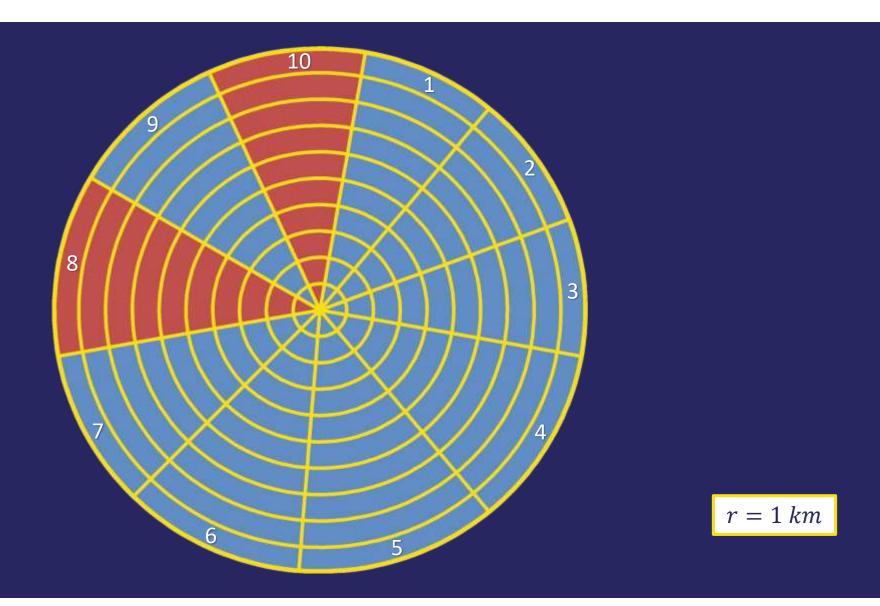


Full Airport Visualization of the Annular Ring Method

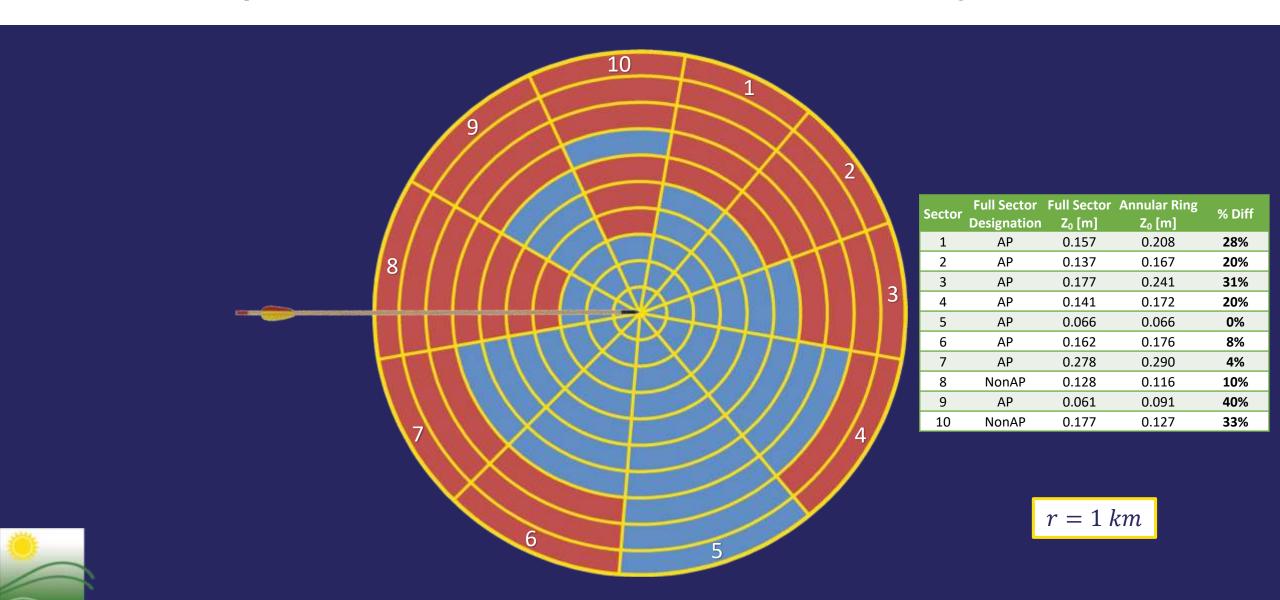


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Summary of Suggested Improvements

- Apply the annular ring method to classify sectors as AP or NonAP
 - Increase probability of consistent sectors between users

- Add the ability to characterize AP and NonAP rings within a sector
 - Increase accuracy of surface roughness length (Z_0) in a sector

- Change "Airport" and "Non-Airport" to less confusing terms
 - Road vs. Building
 - Structure vs. No Structure
 - Flat vs. Obstruction



Questions?

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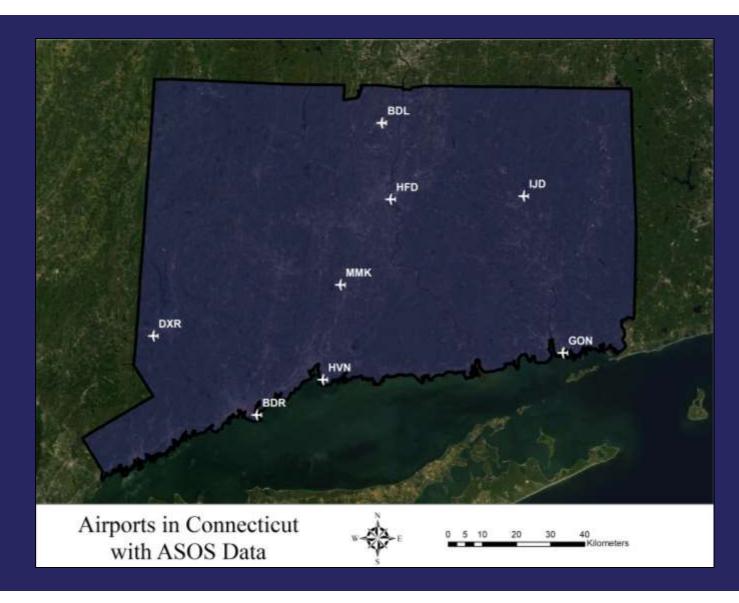
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Background of Connecticut Airports

- Eight ASOS Airports
 - BDL: Bradley International
 - BDR: Sikorsky Memorial
 - DXR: Danbury Municipal
 - GON: Groton-New London
 - HFD: Hartford-Brainard
 - HVN: Tweed-New Haven
 - IJD: Windham
 - MMK: Meriden-Markham



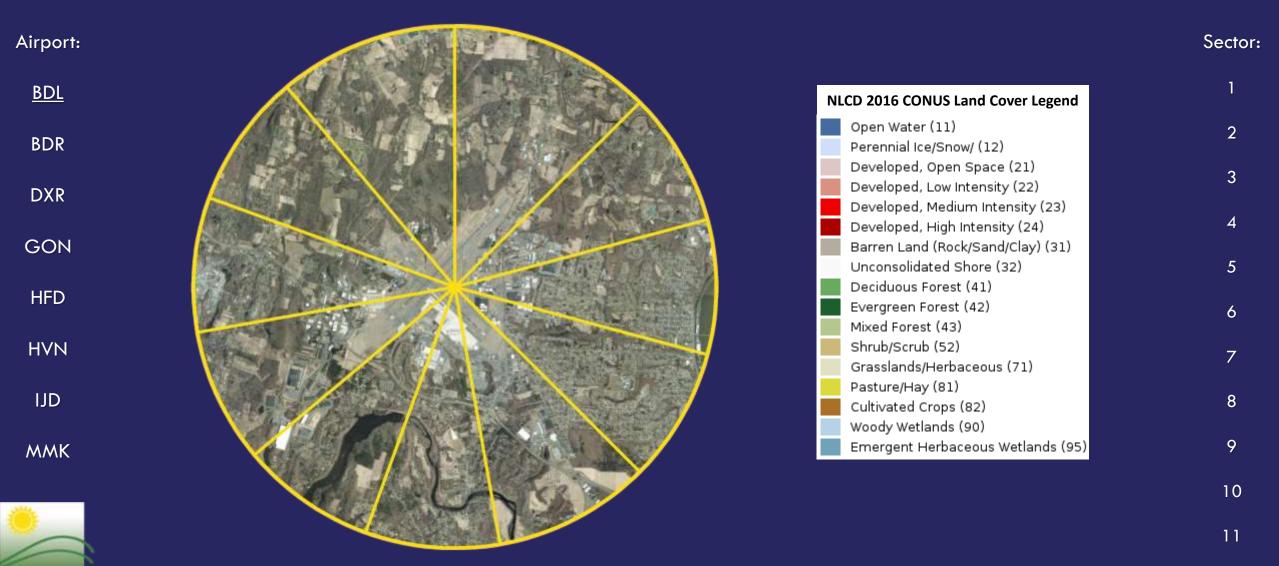


AERSURFACE Inputs Used for Analysis

- NLCD 2016 Land Cover, Impervious, and Canopy Datasets
- ZORAD
 - 5 km radius
- ZOEFF
 - IBL_Factor = $\frac{60 \text{ m}}{anem_ht \text{ [m]}}$ (Wieringa suggested a 60 m "roughness blending height")
- Nonarid climate with average moisture
- Twelve (12) months split into five (5) seasons:
 - Winter w/ Snow: January February
 - Winter w/o Snow: March December
 - Spring: April May
 - Summer July August
 - Fall: September October November

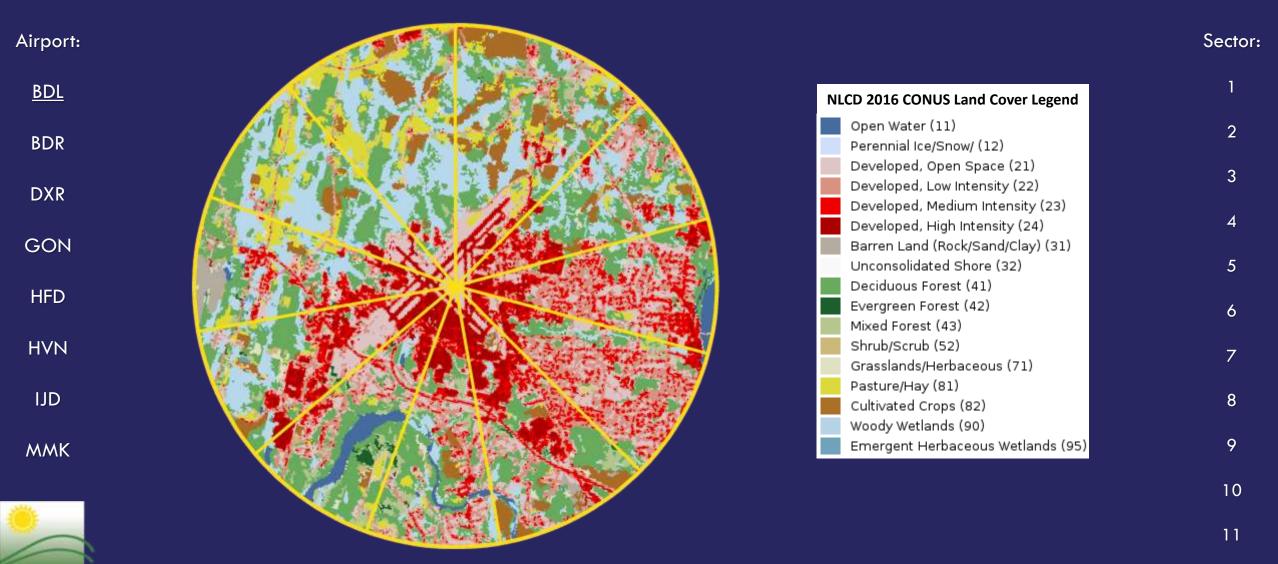
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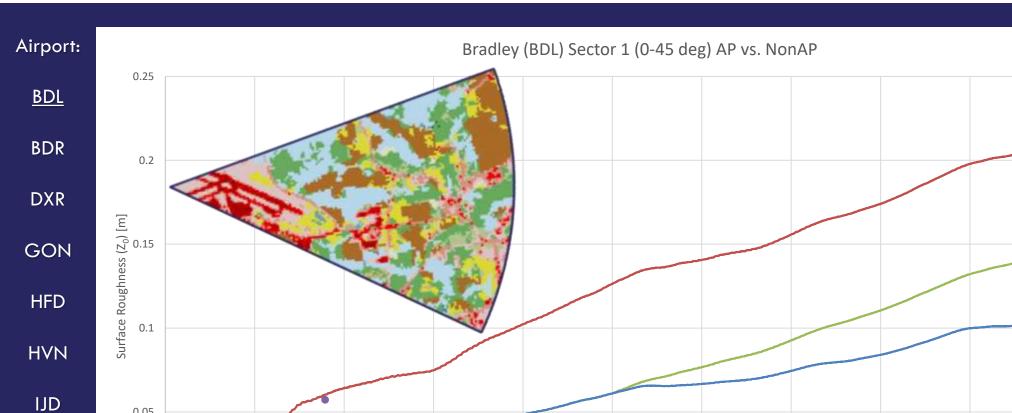
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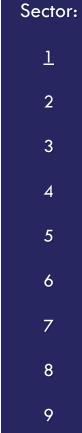




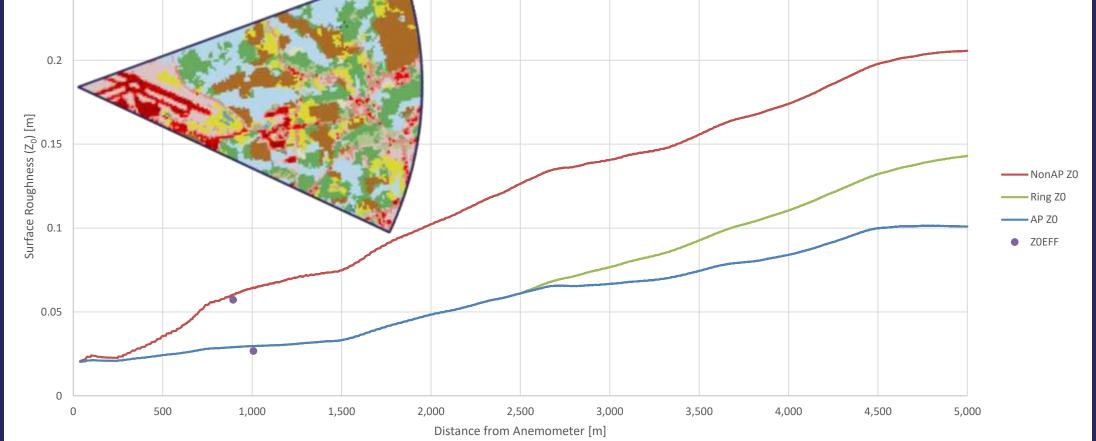
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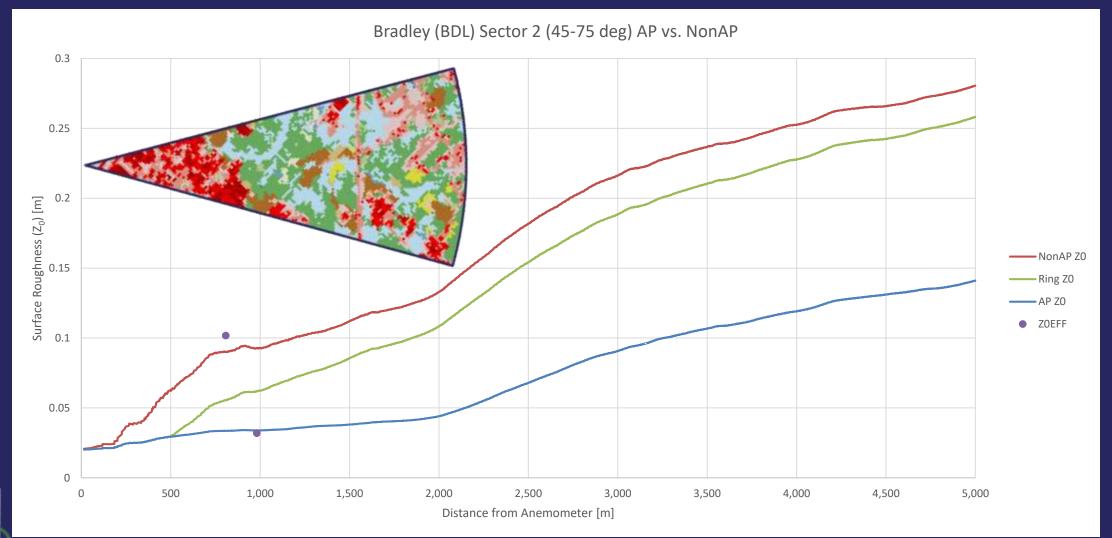
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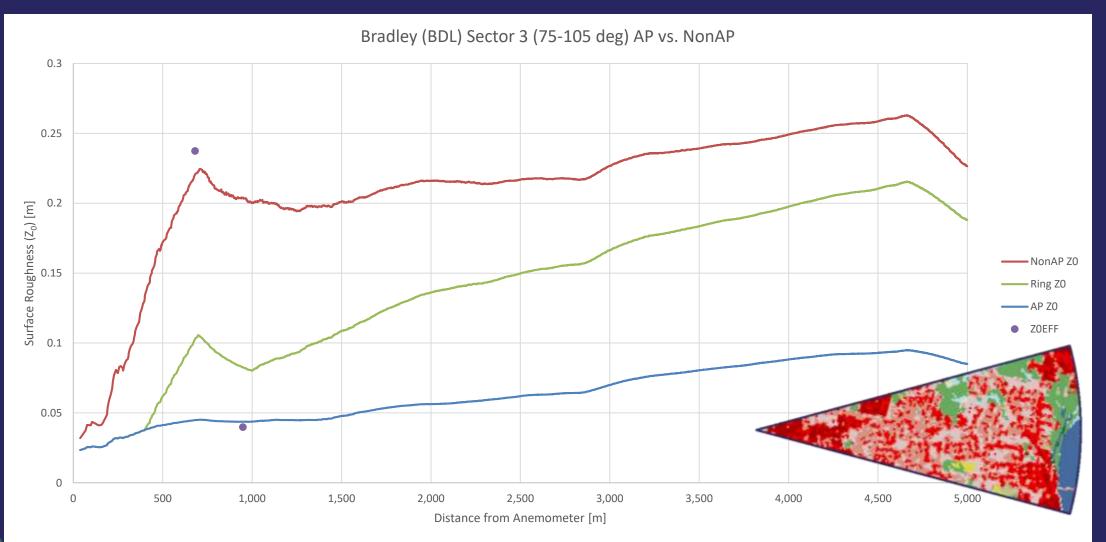
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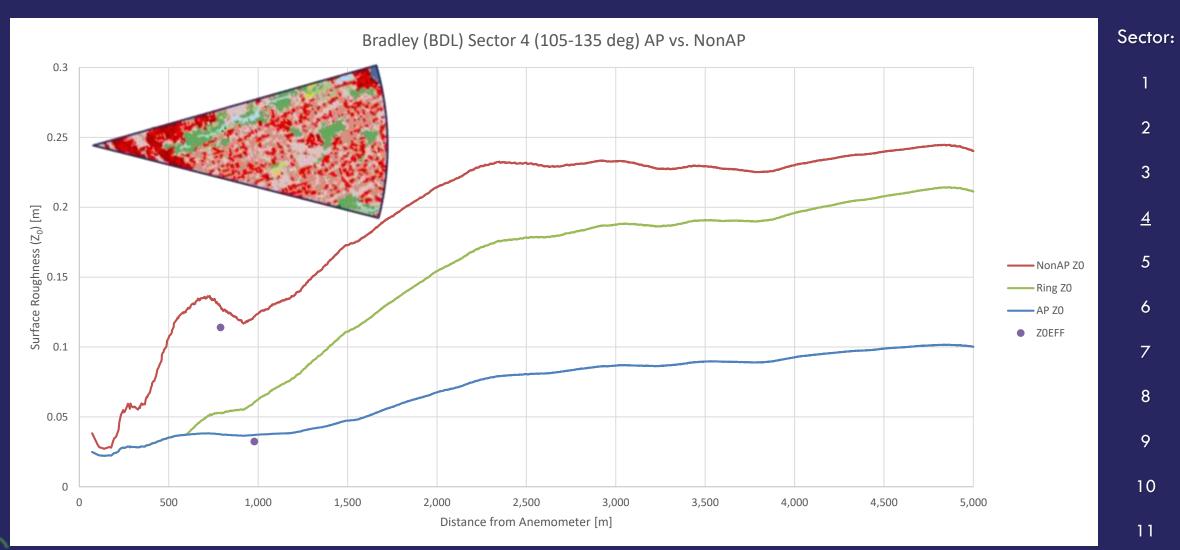
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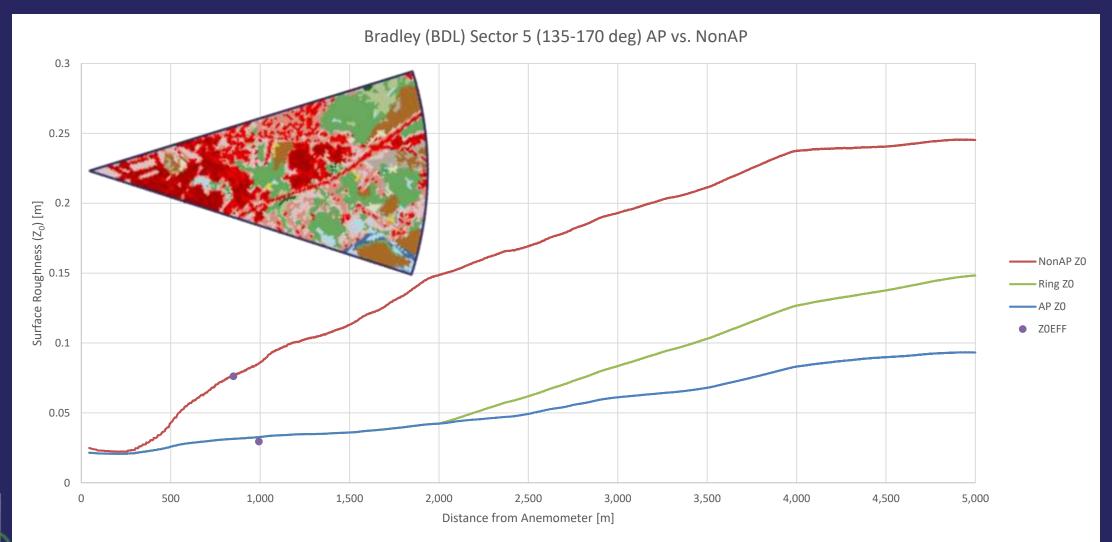
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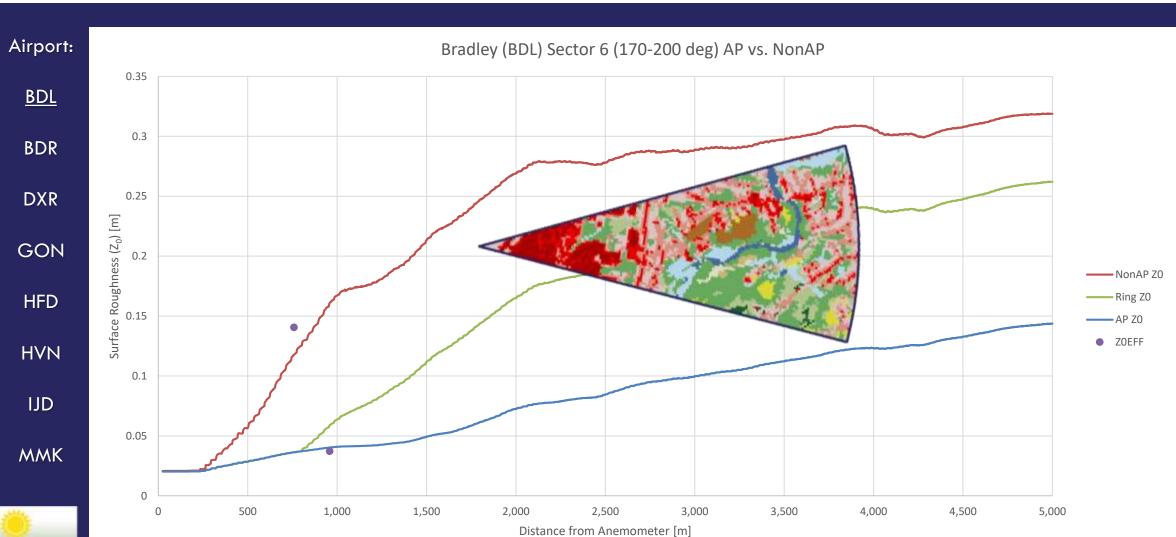
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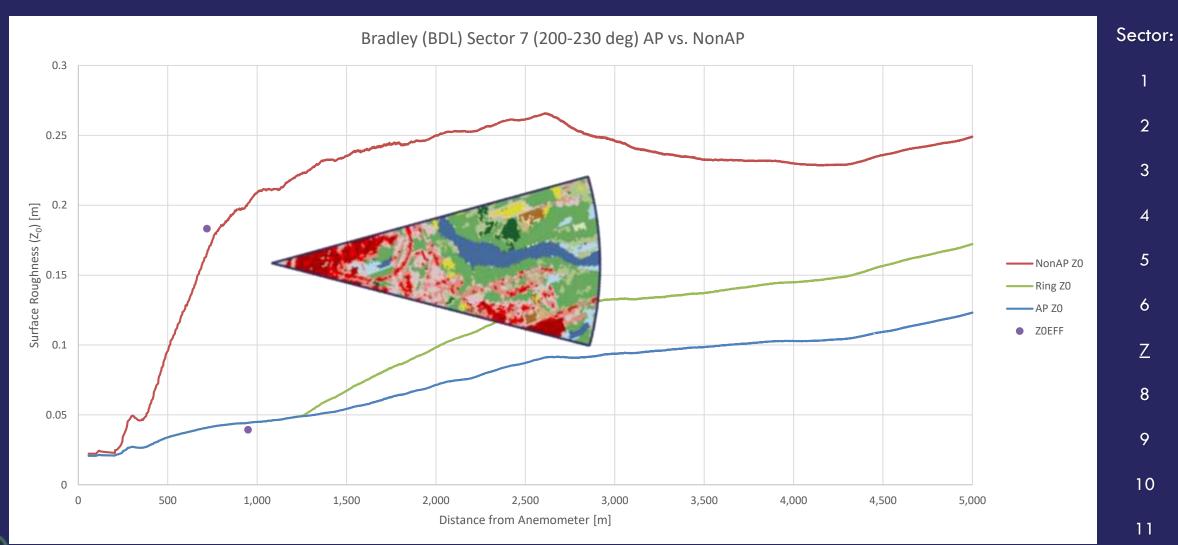
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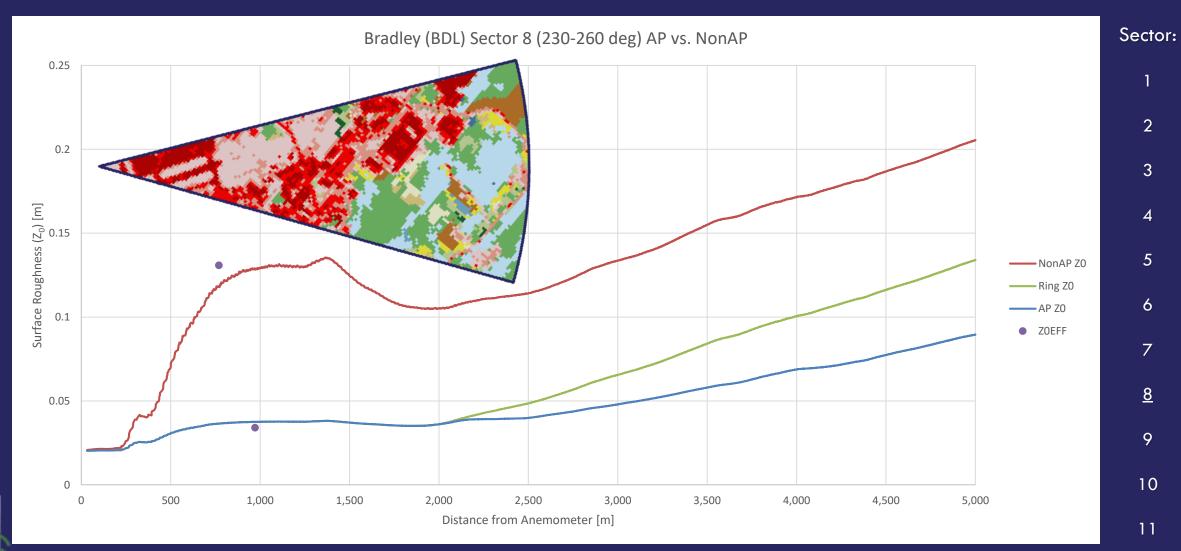
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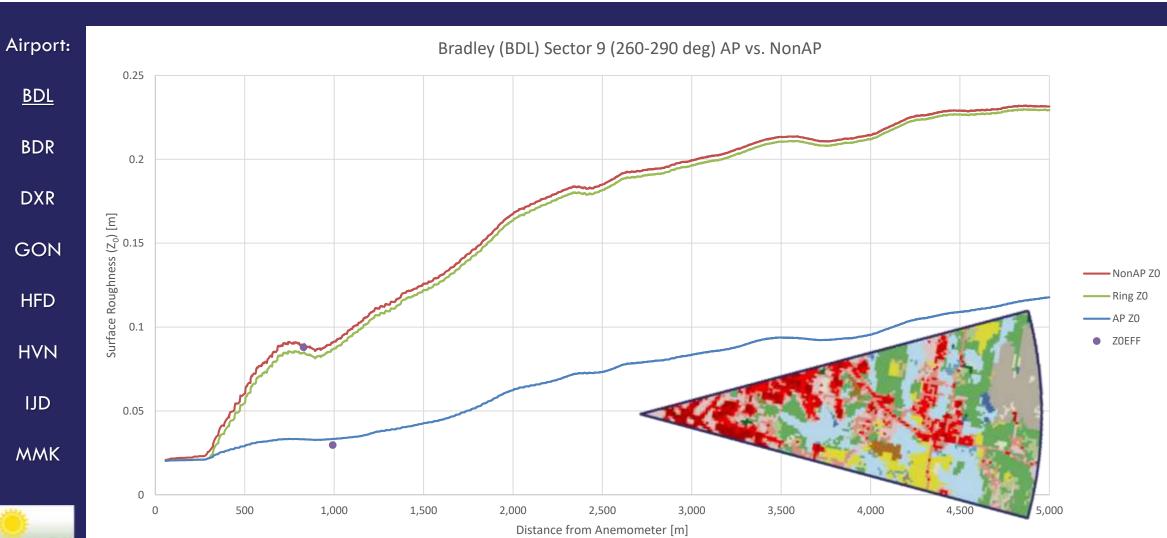
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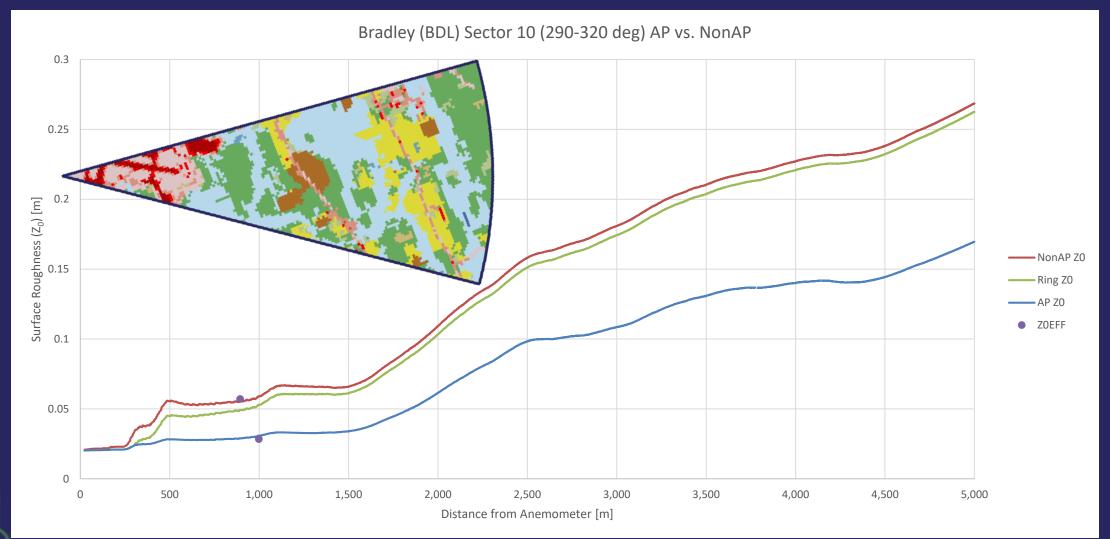
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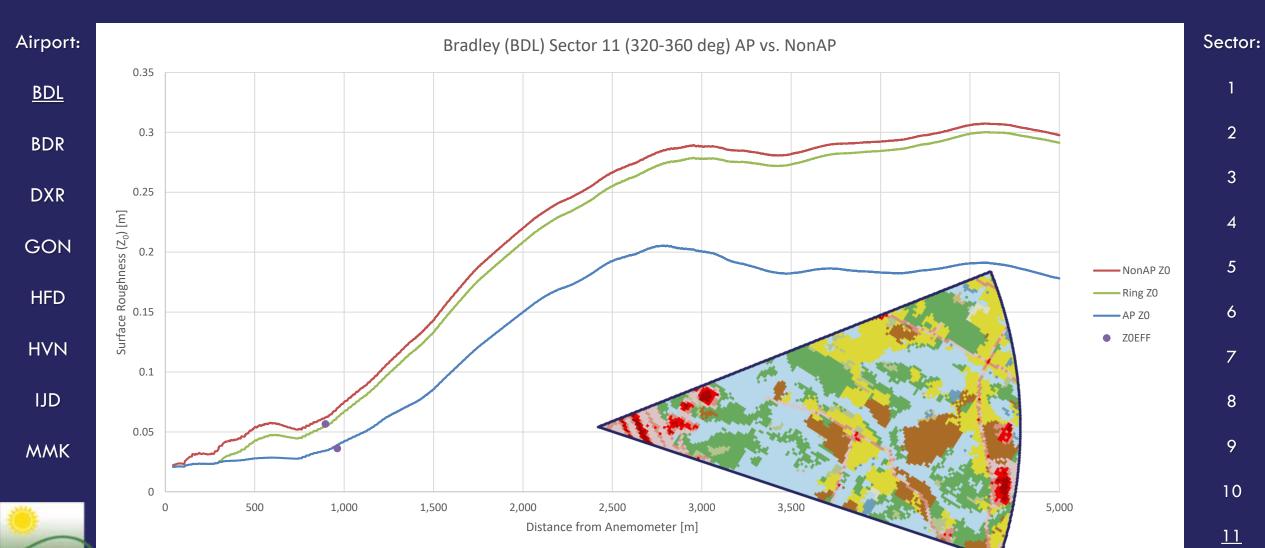
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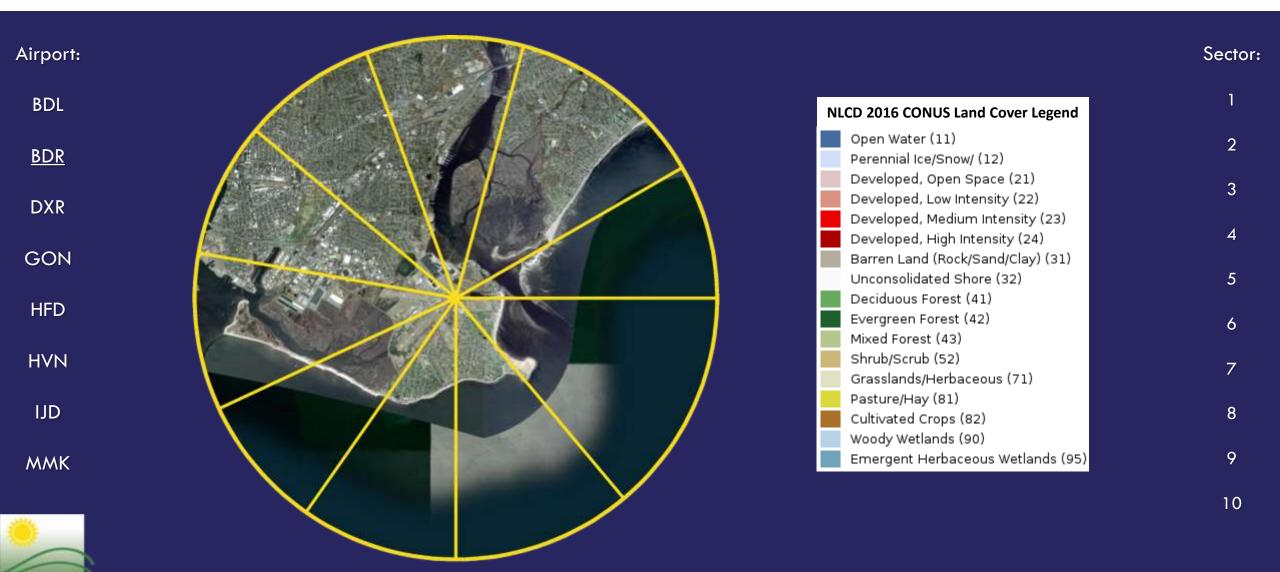


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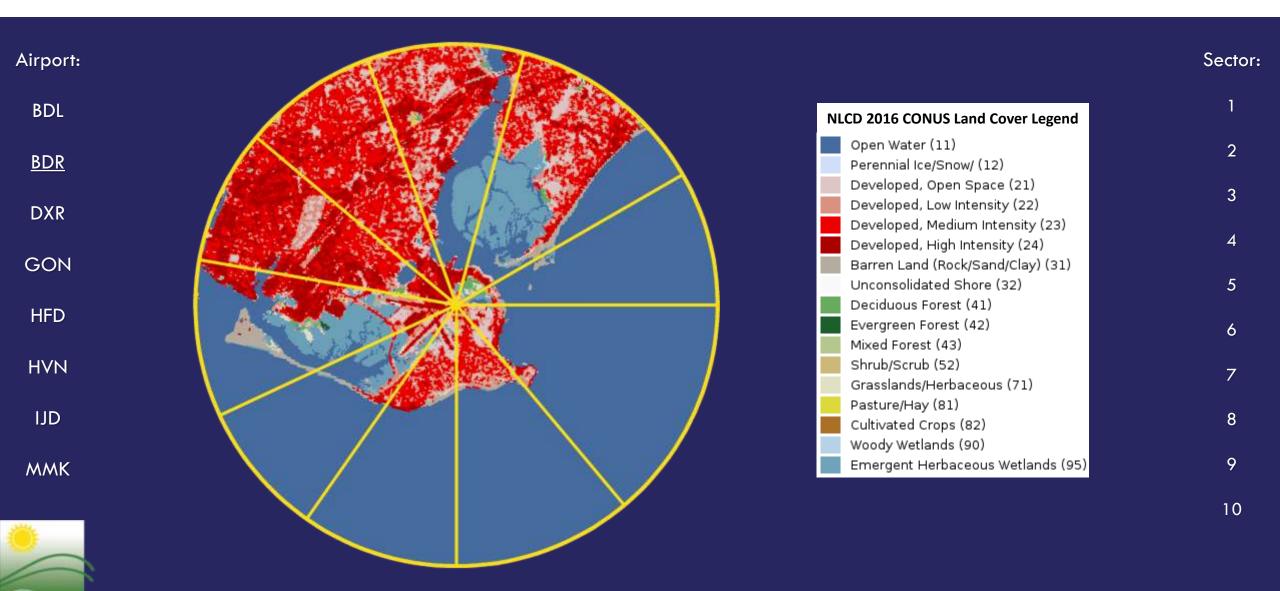
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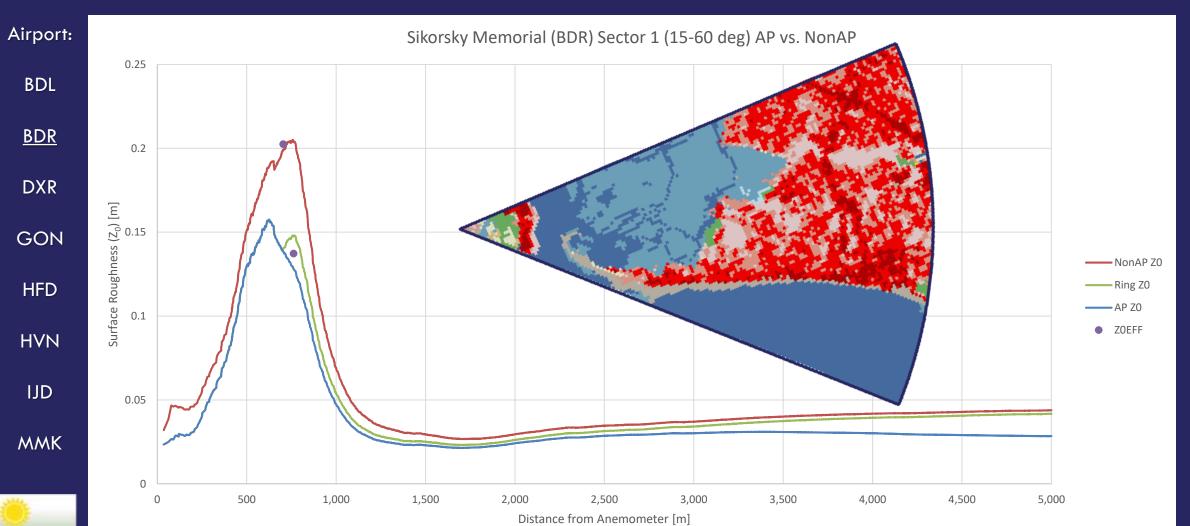


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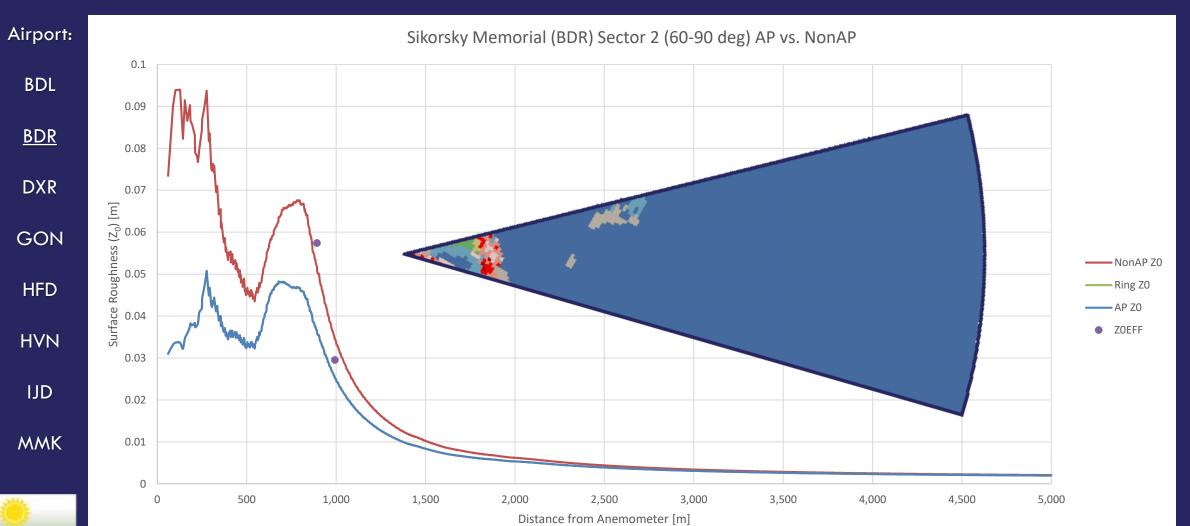




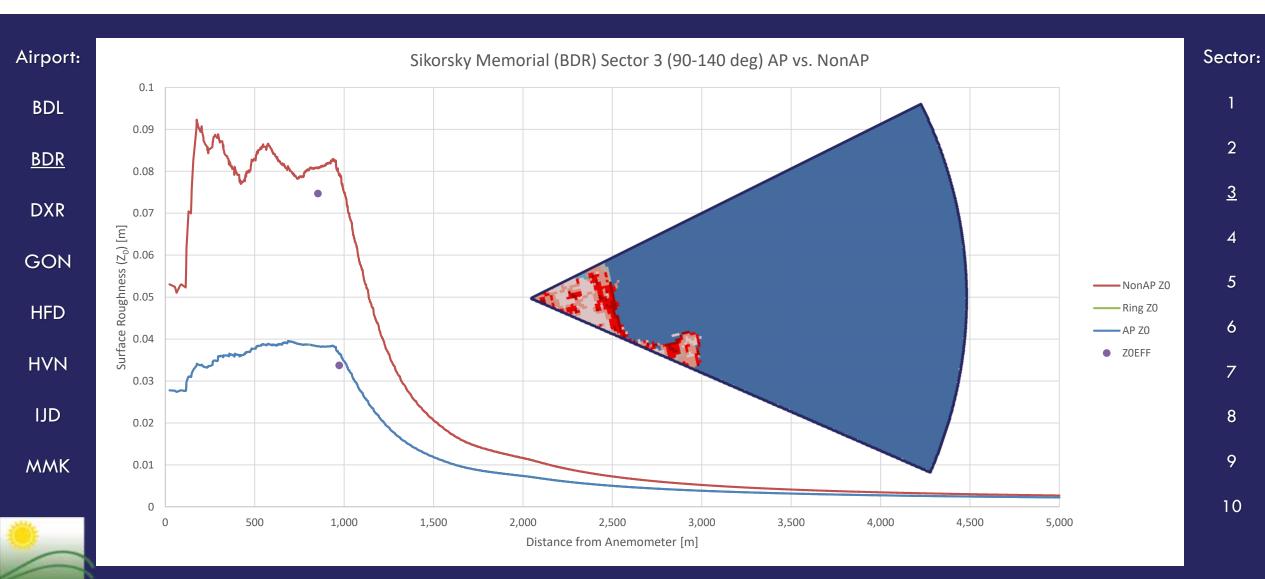






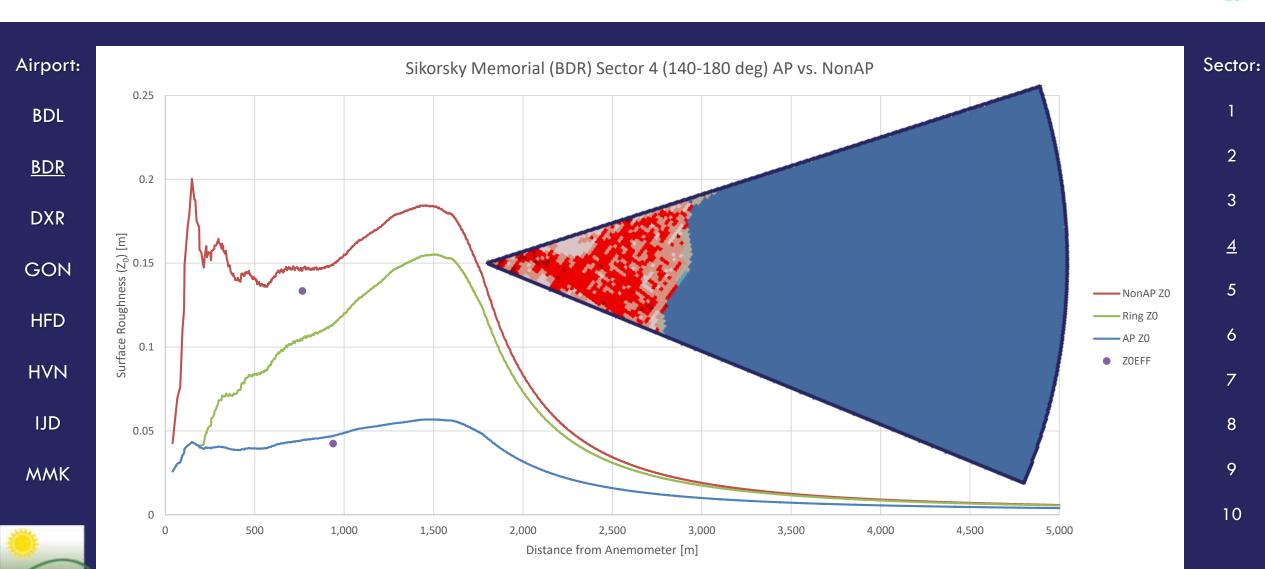






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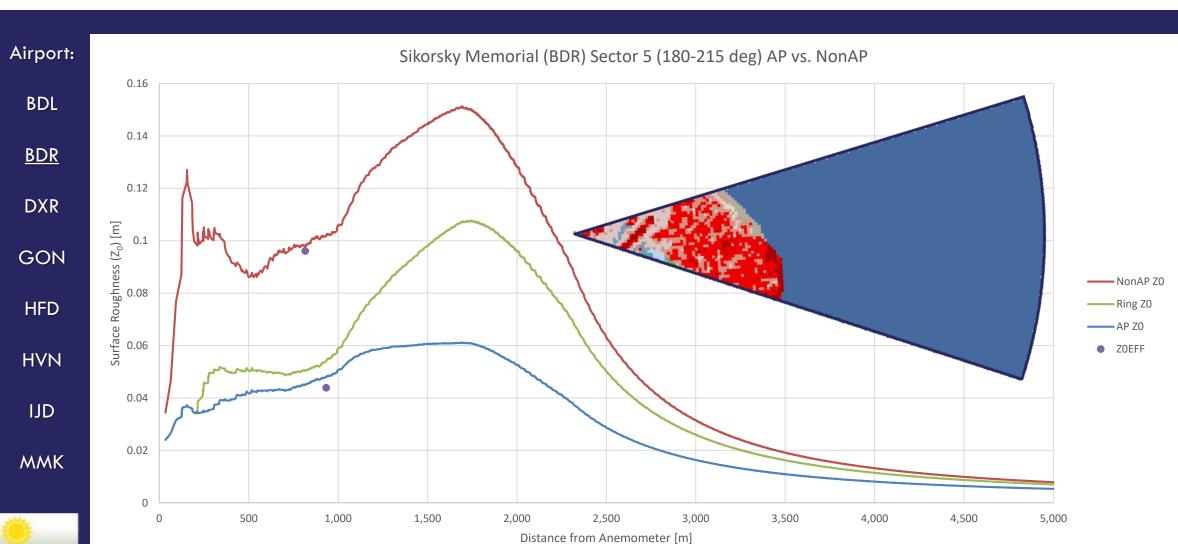




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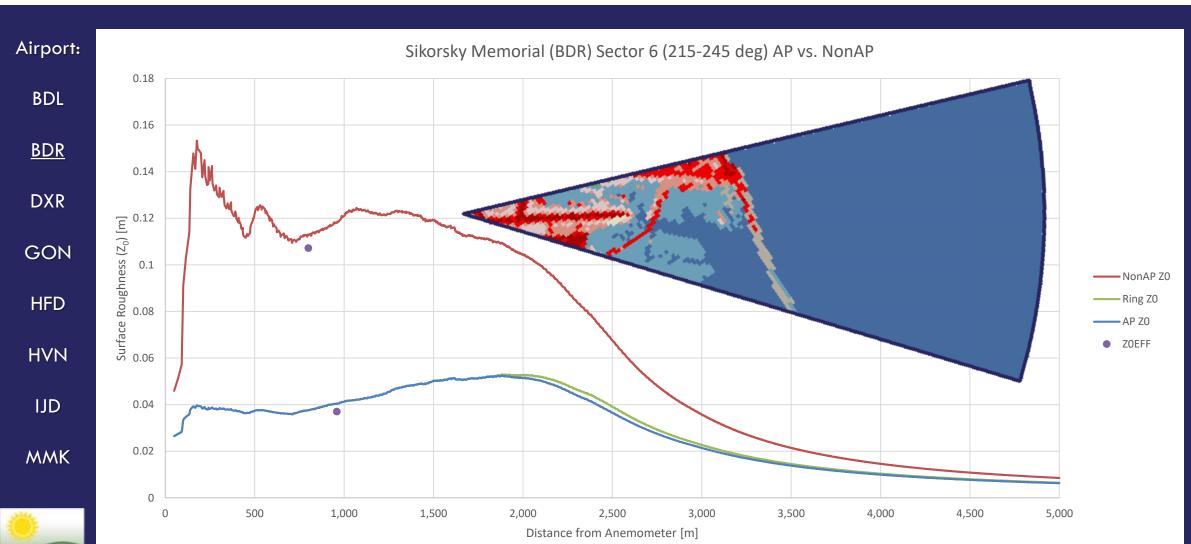
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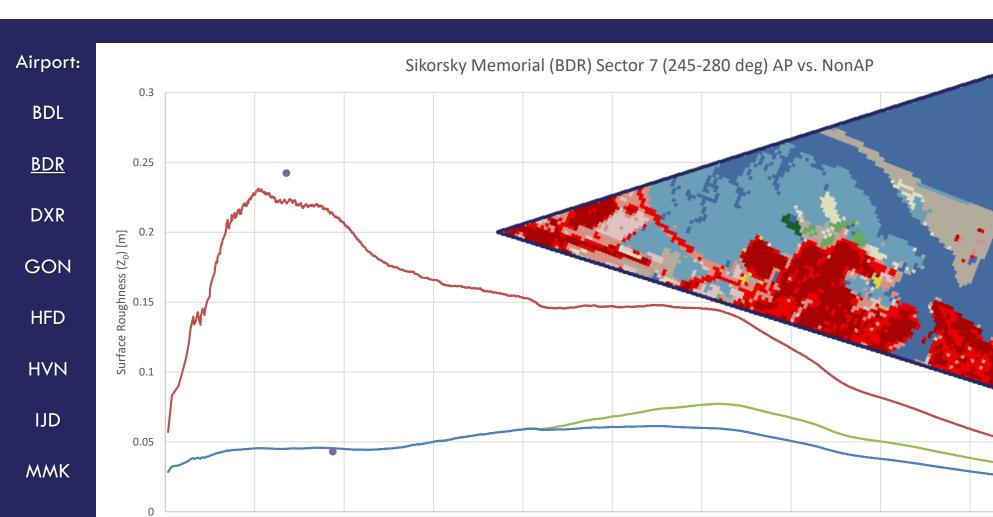
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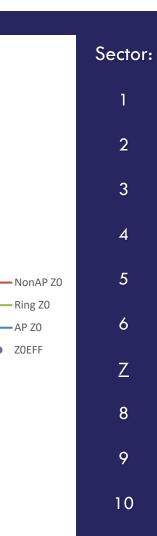
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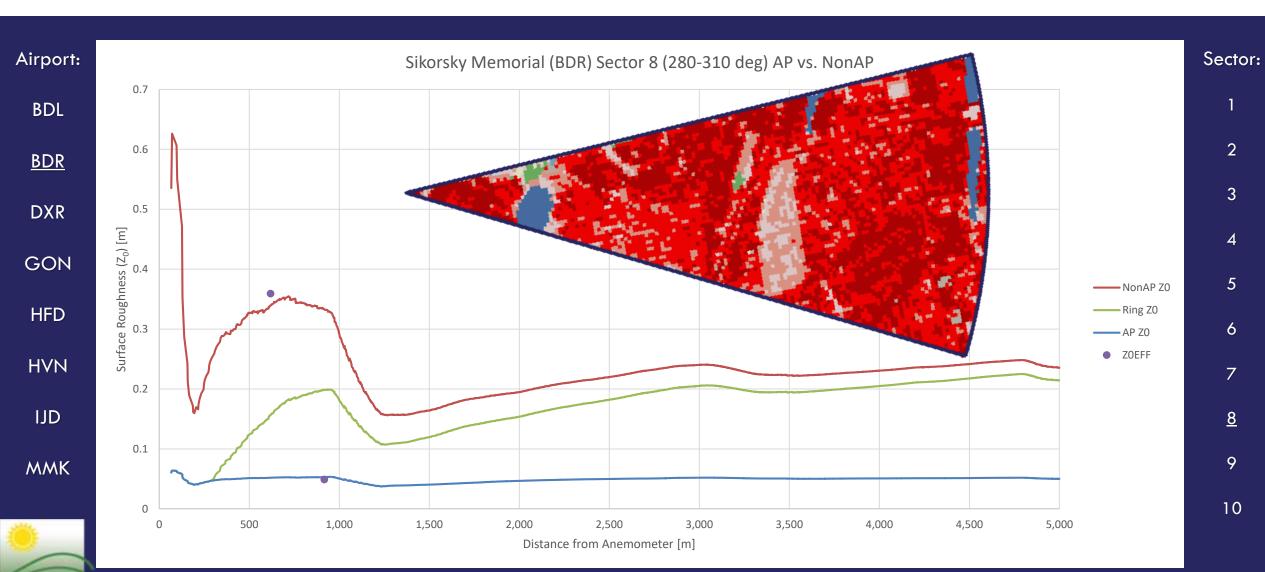
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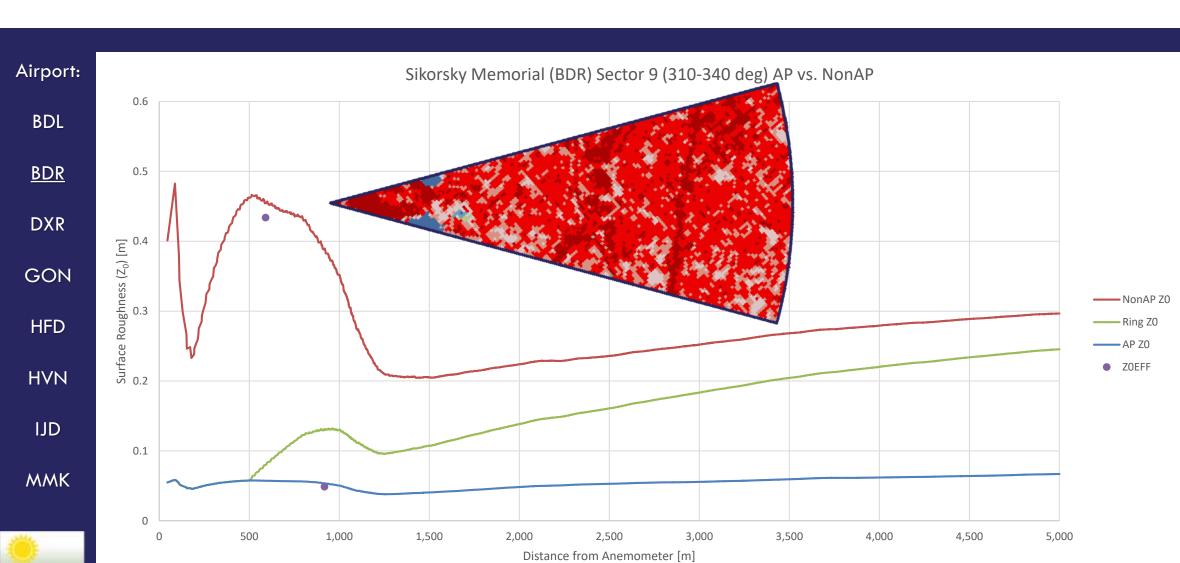


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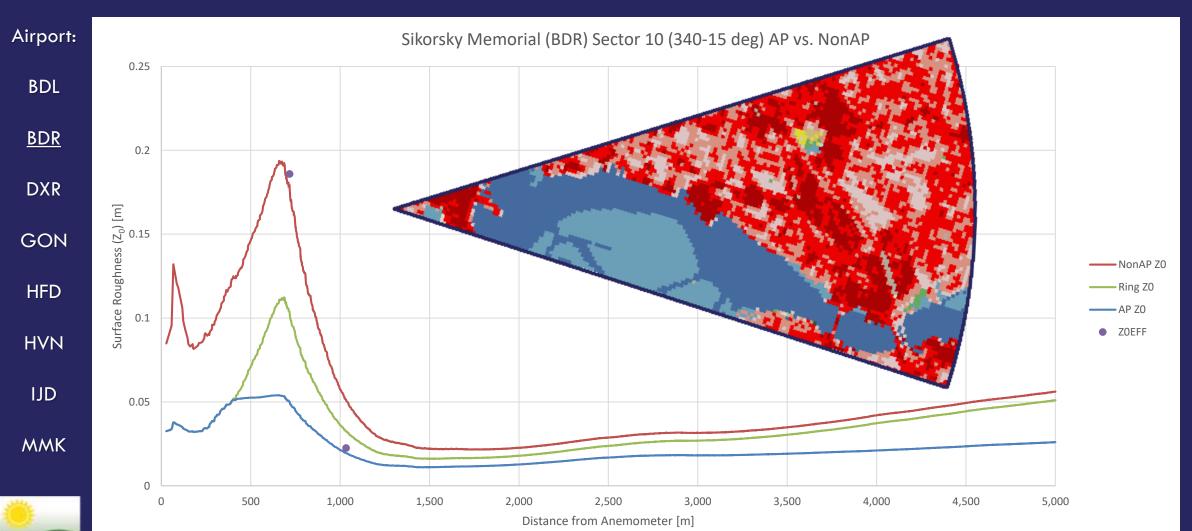
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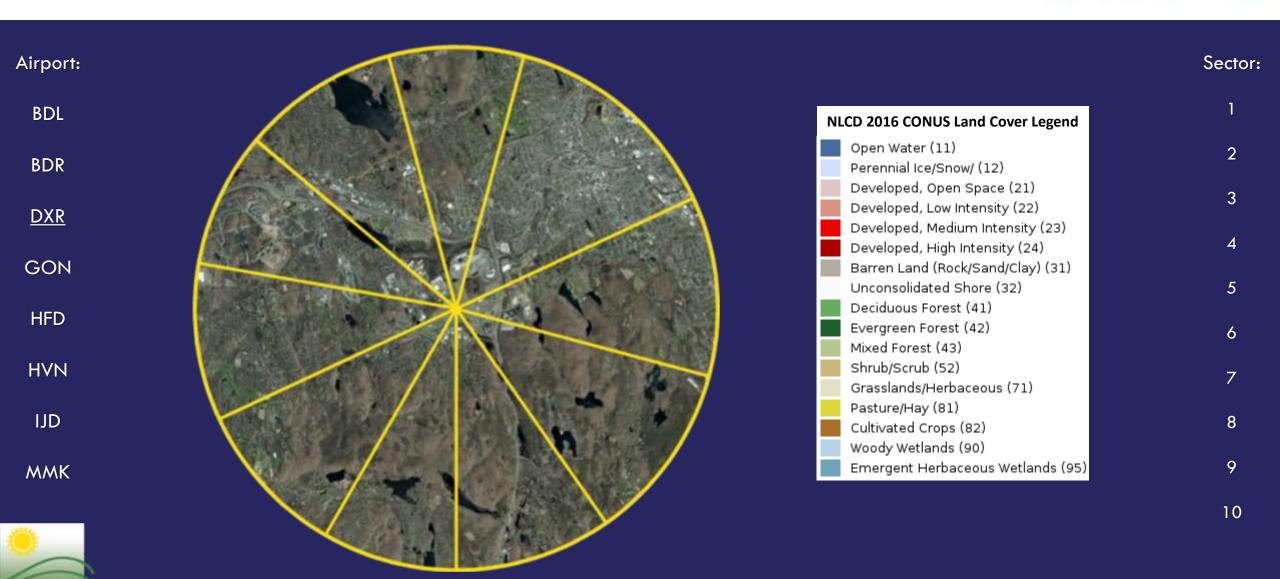
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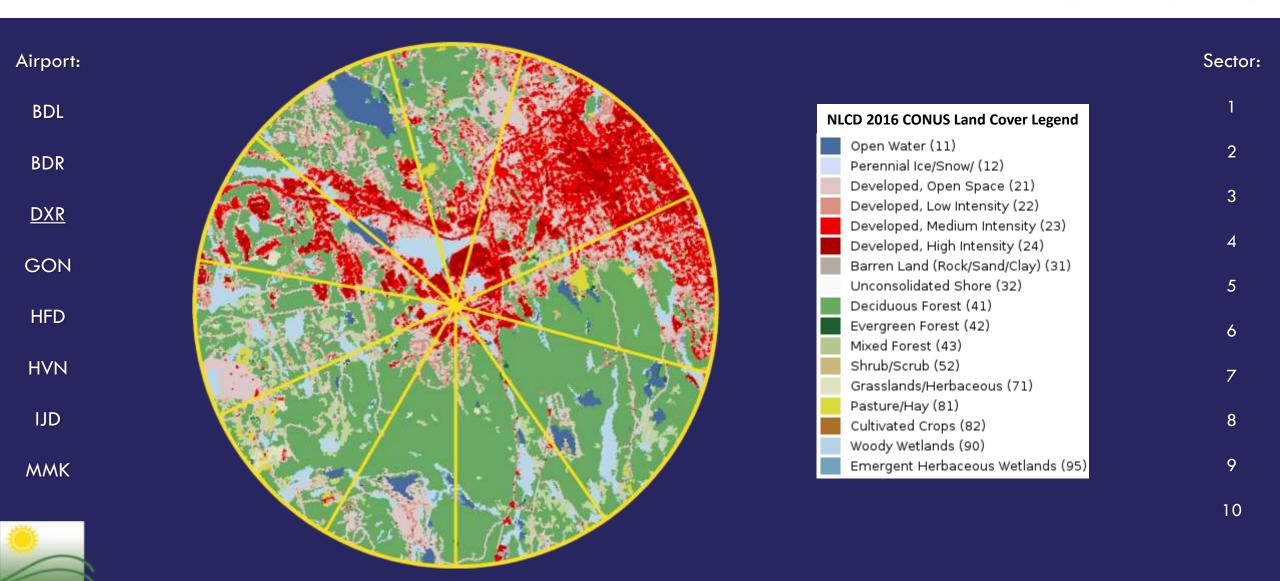
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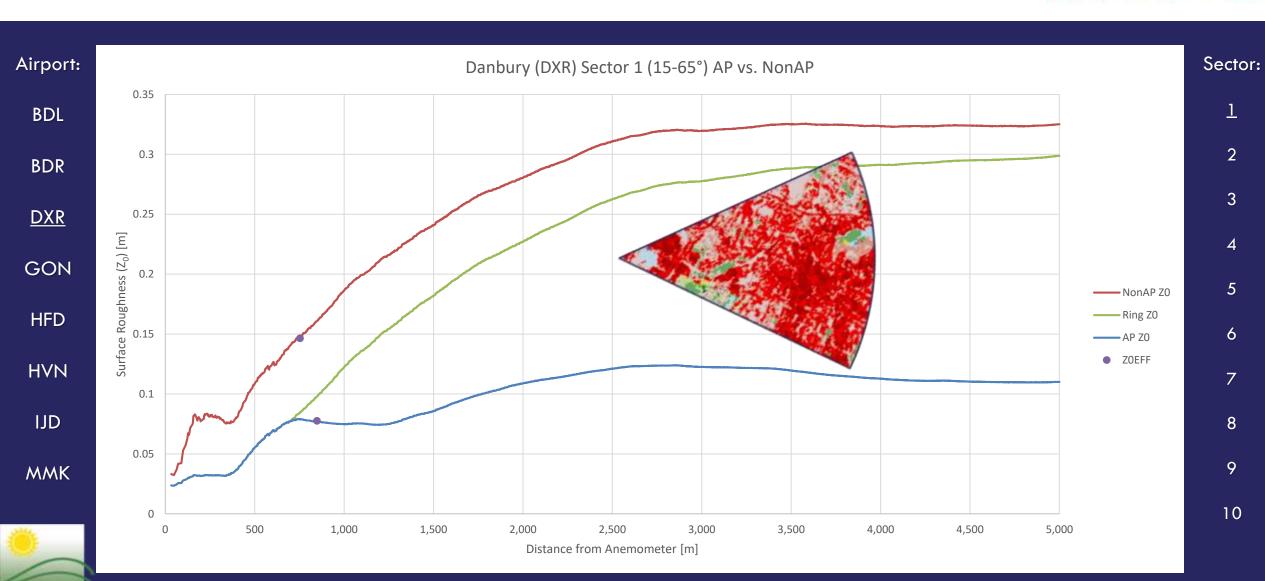


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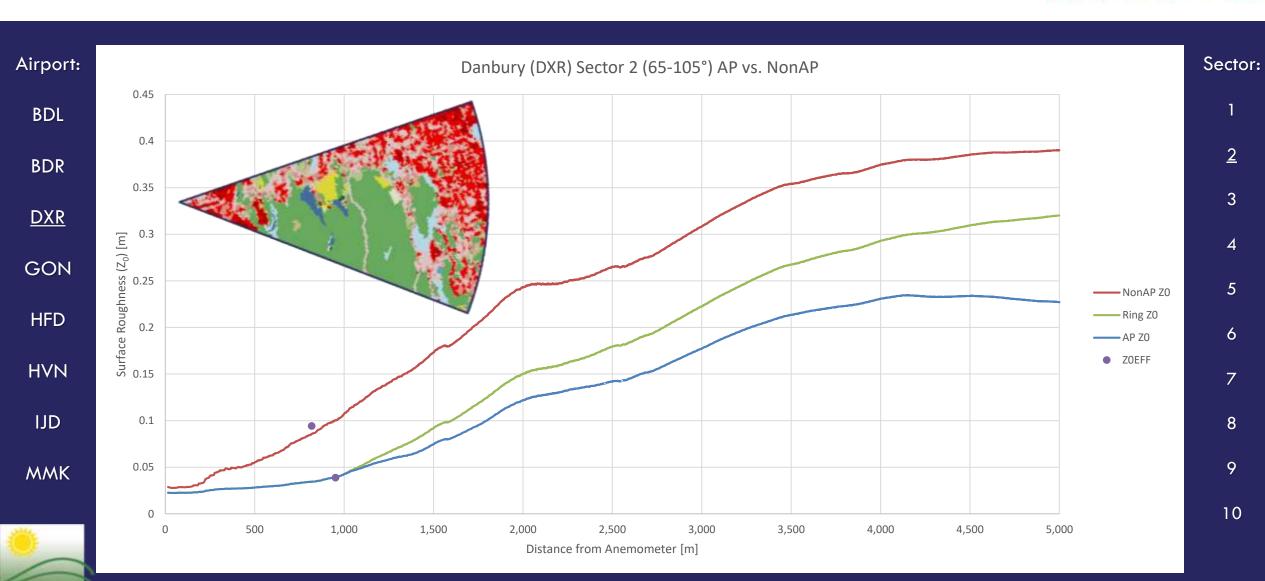




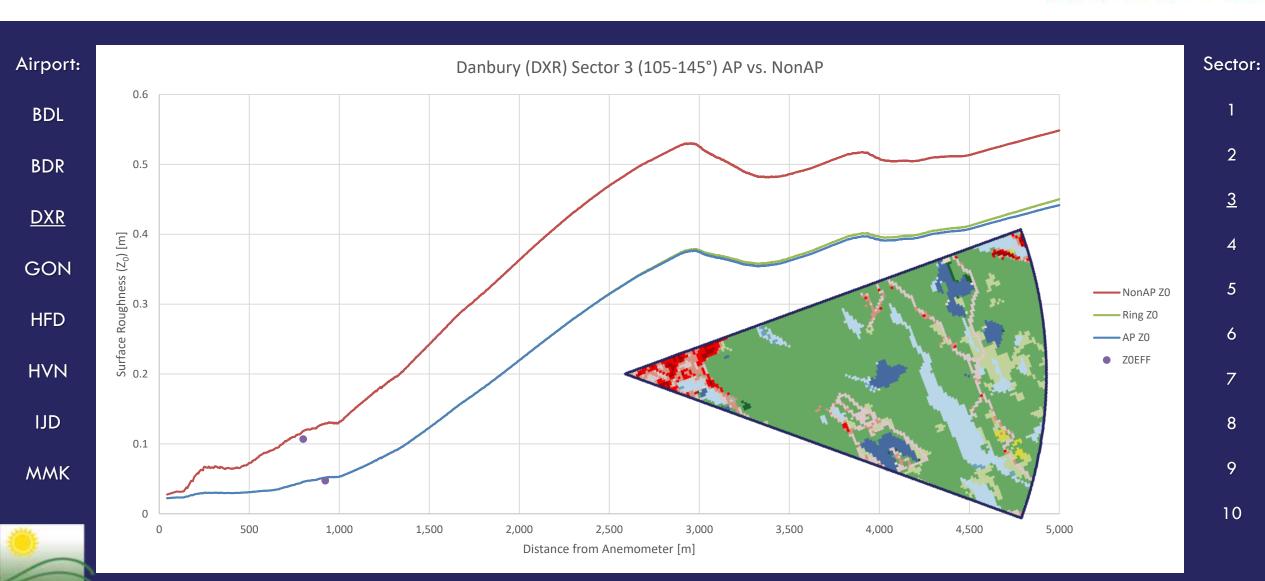




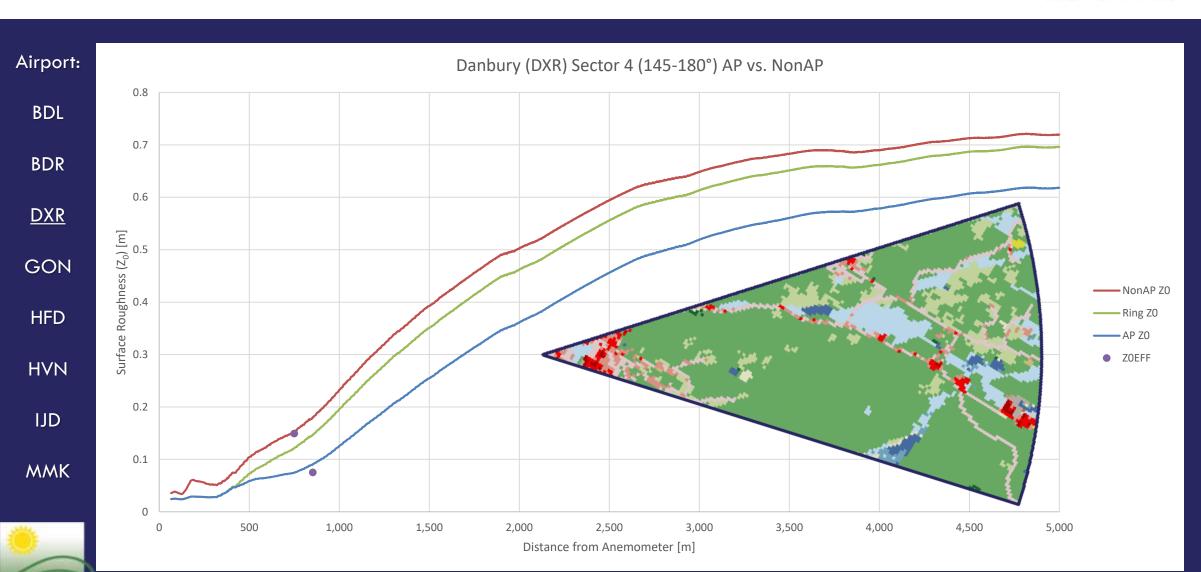












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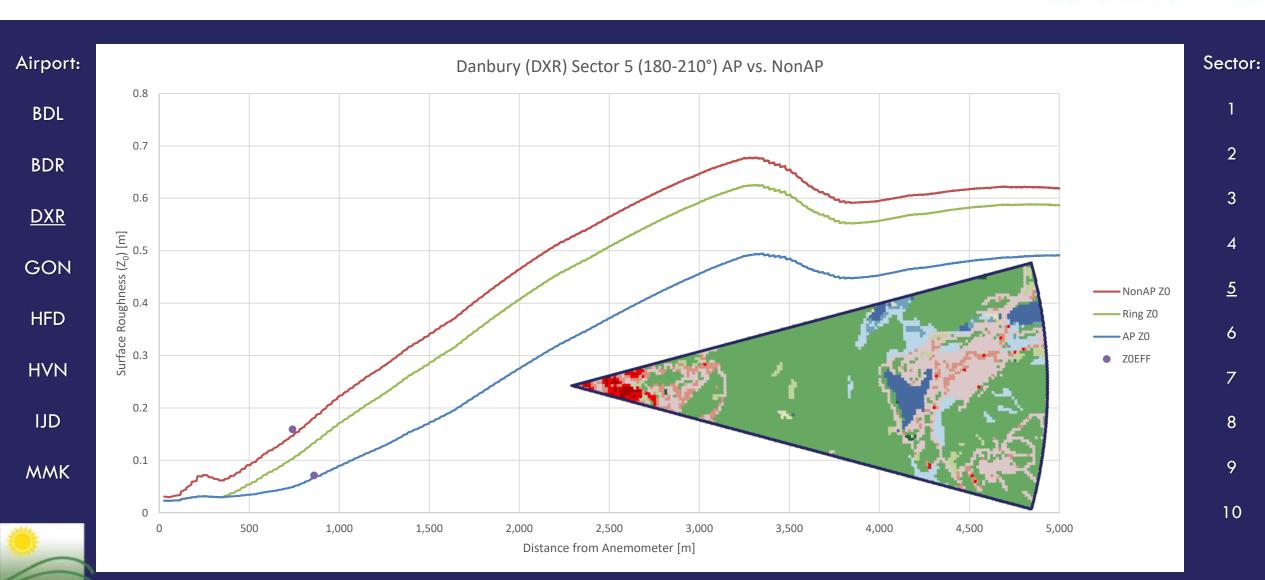
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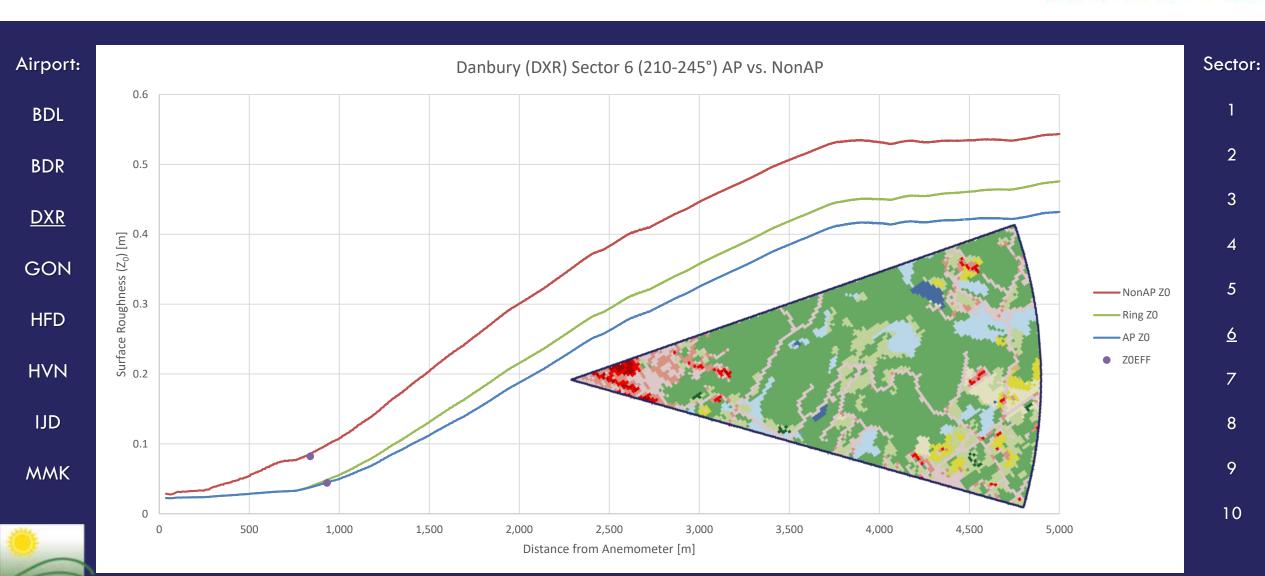


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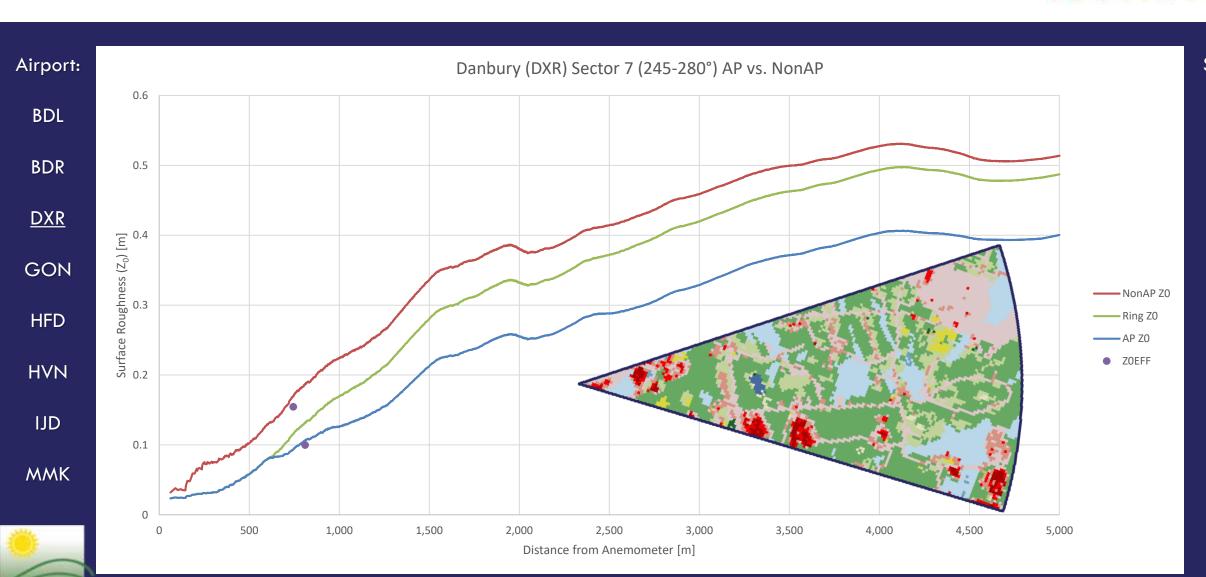
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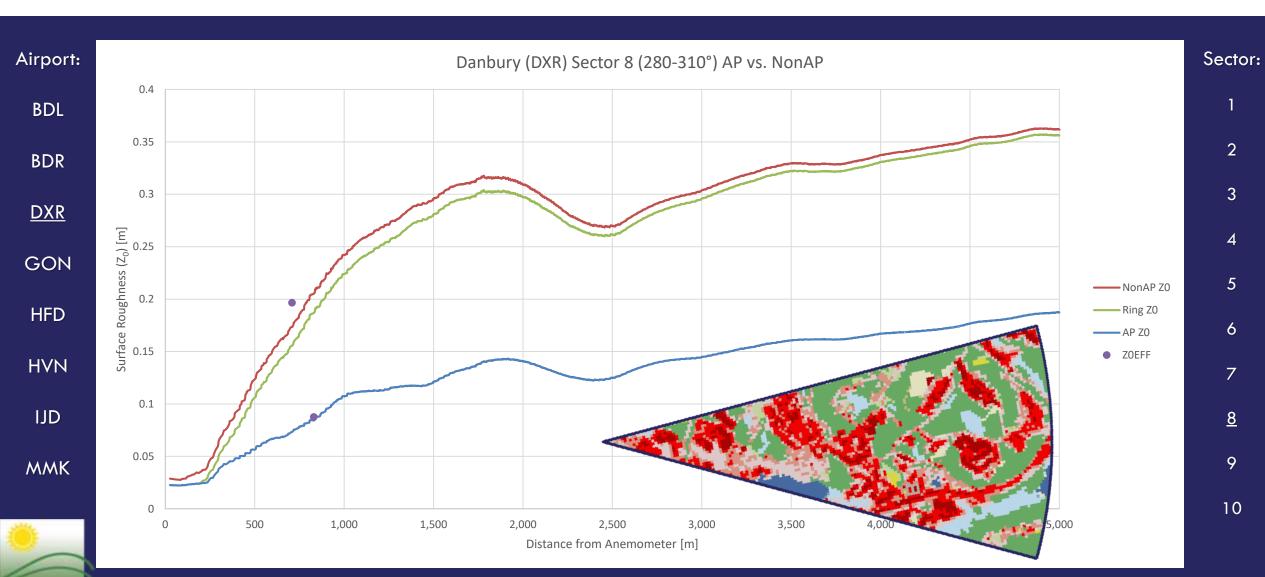
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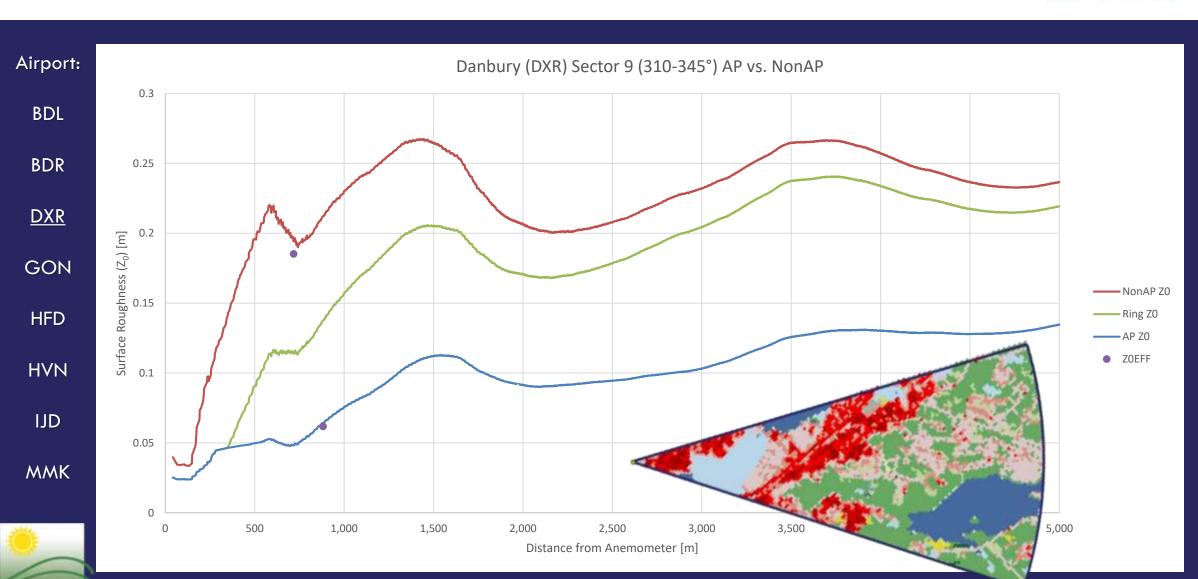
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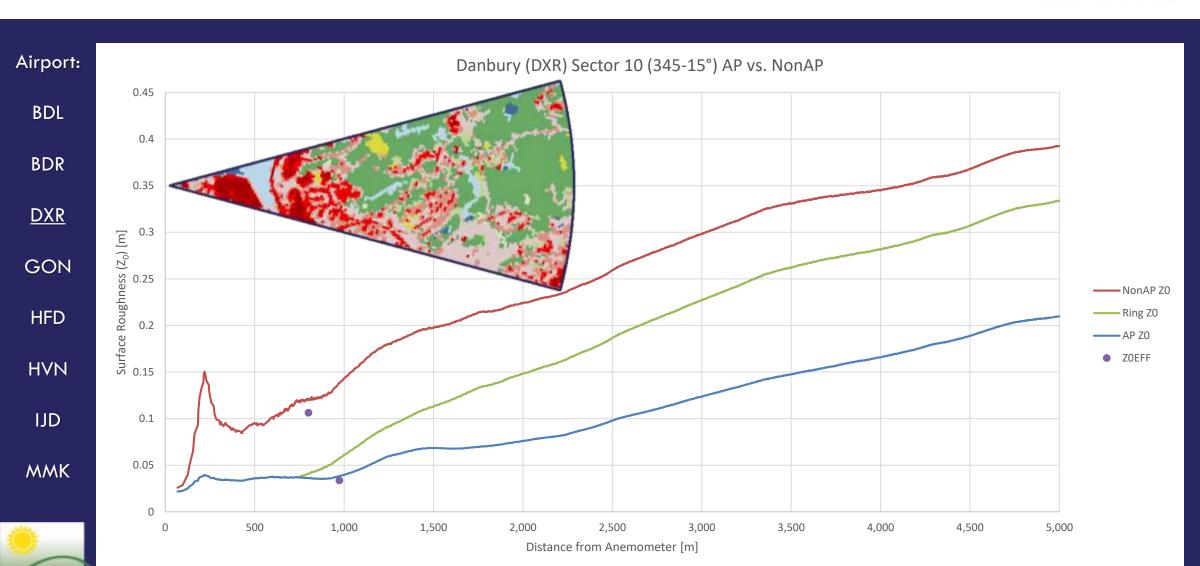
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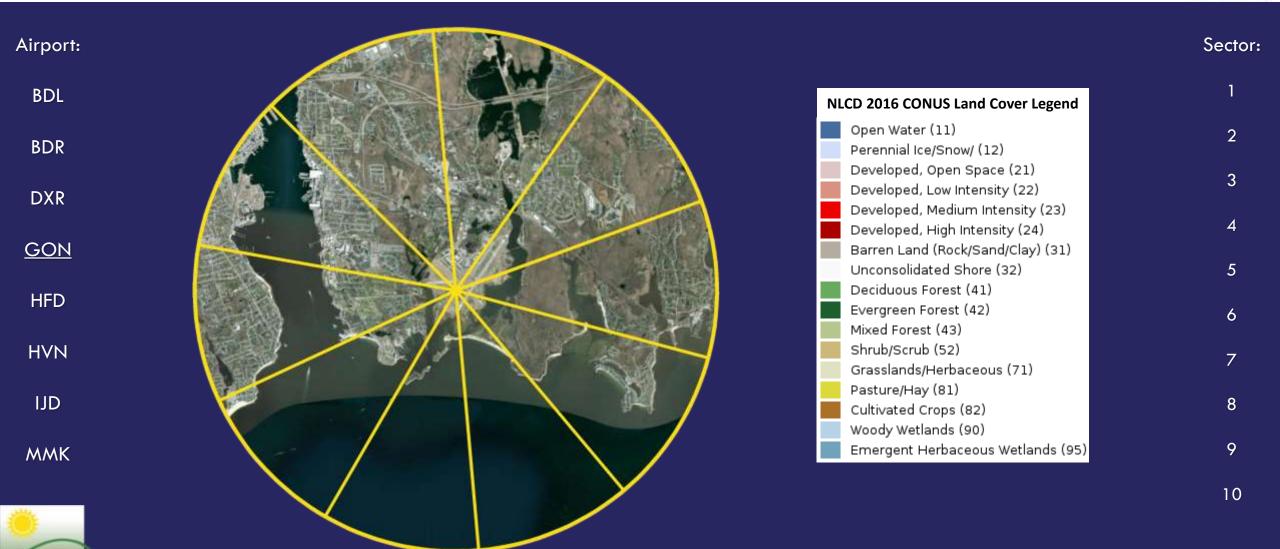
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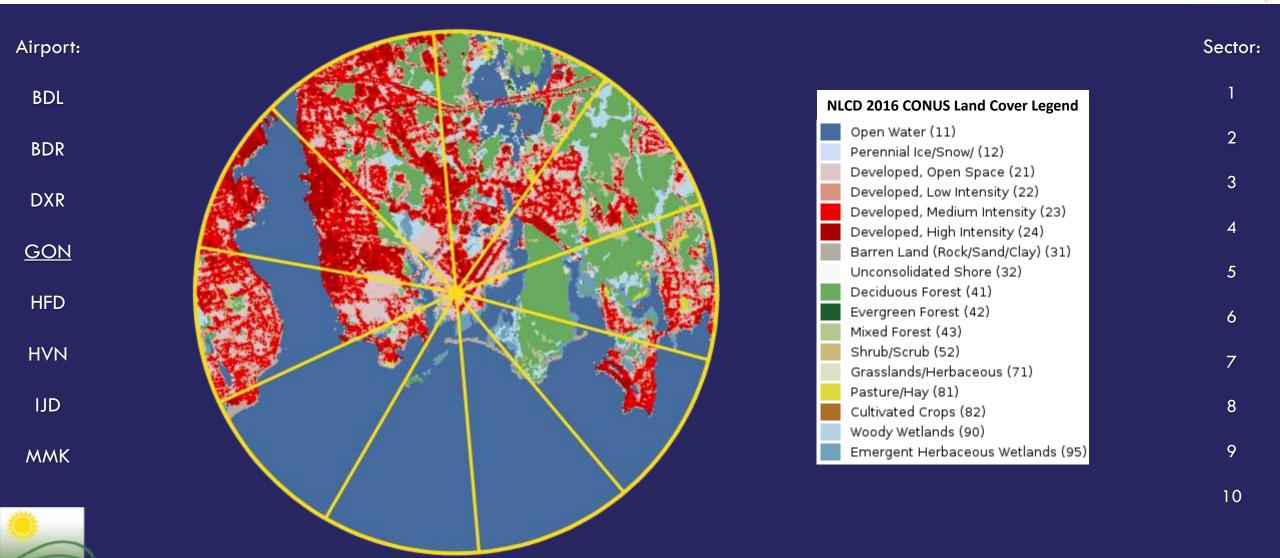
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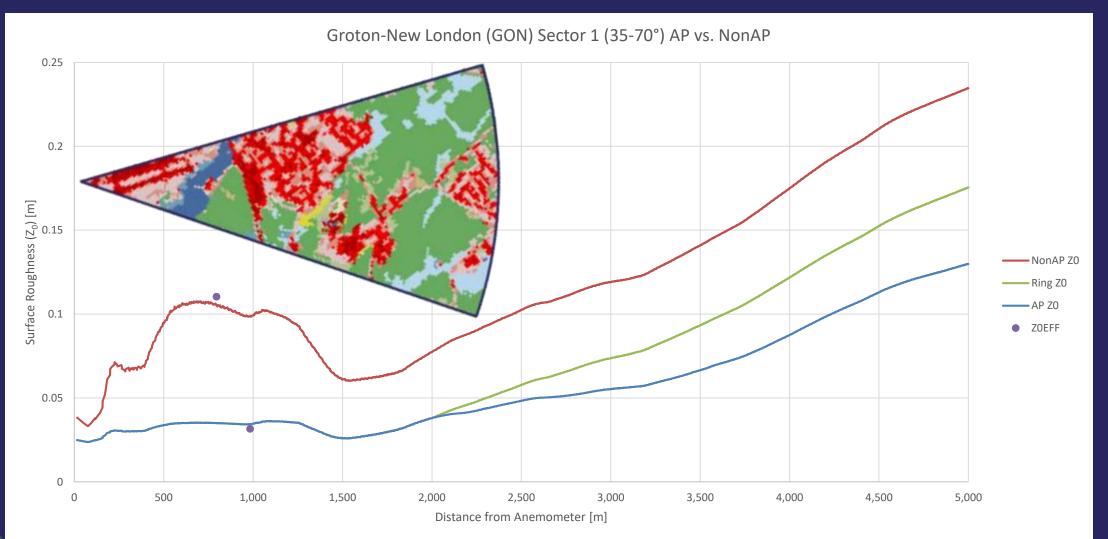
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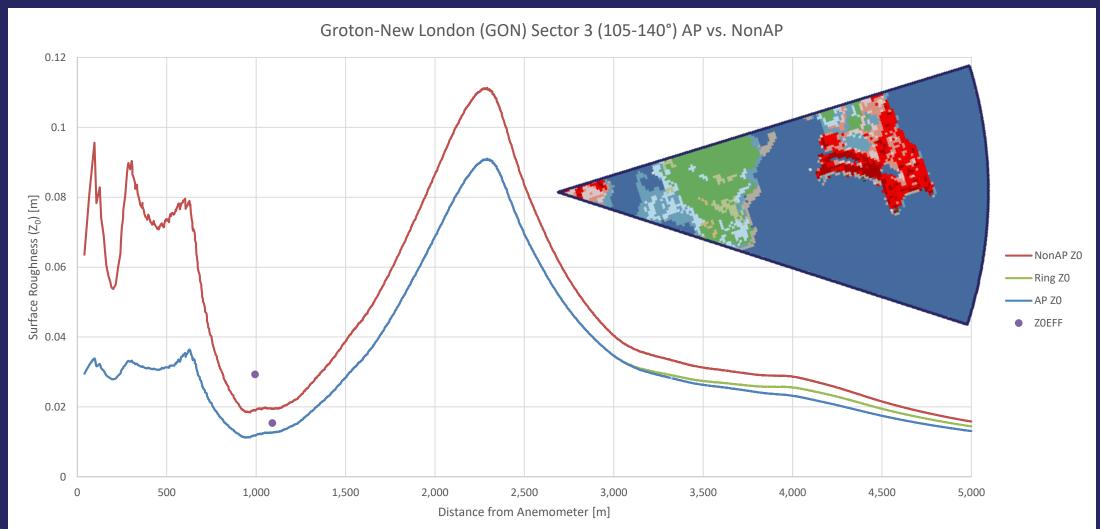
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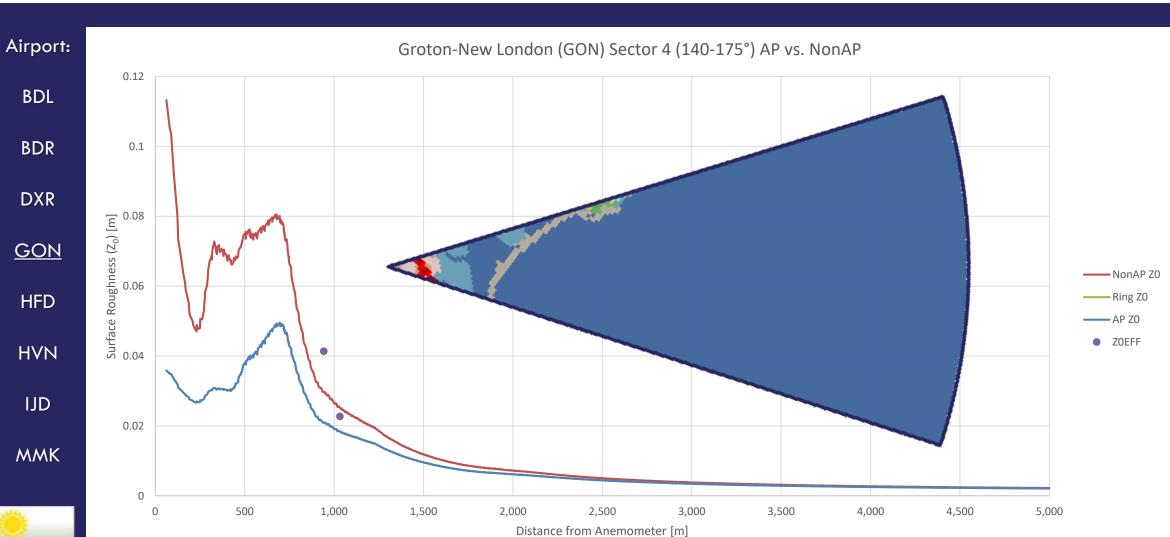
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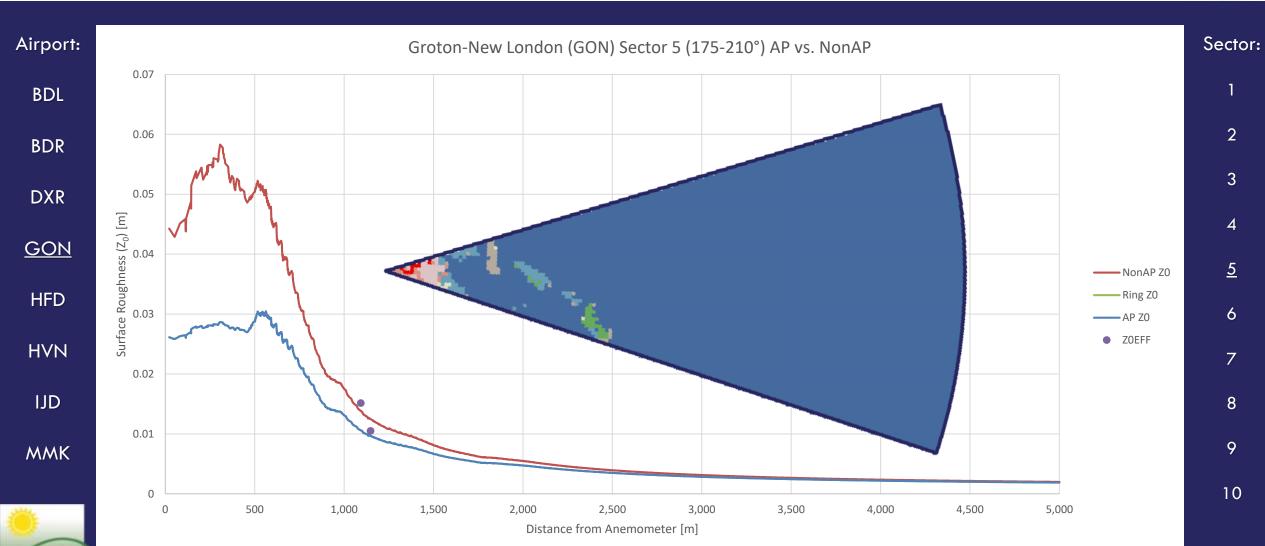




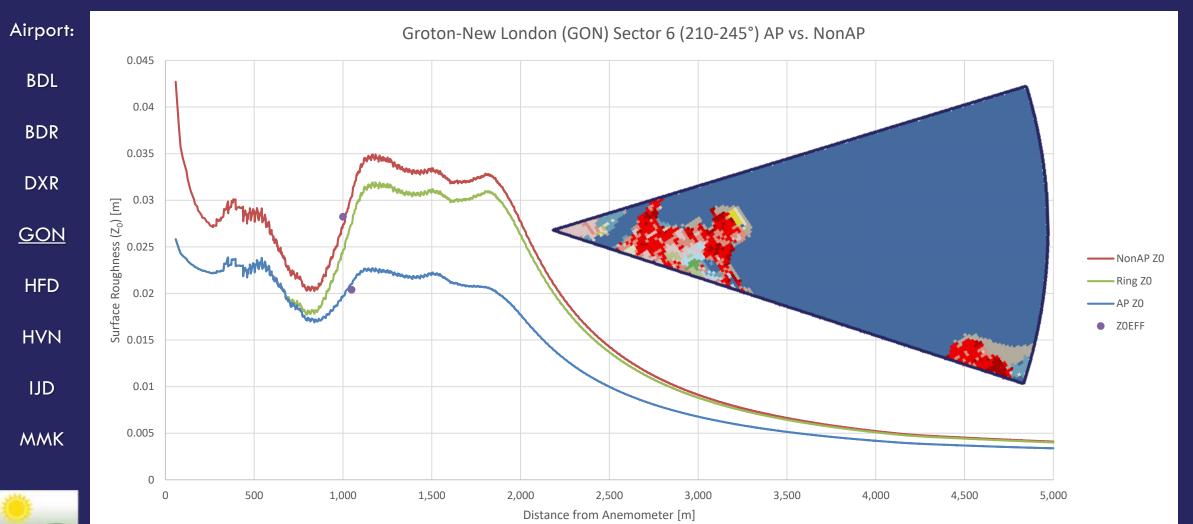


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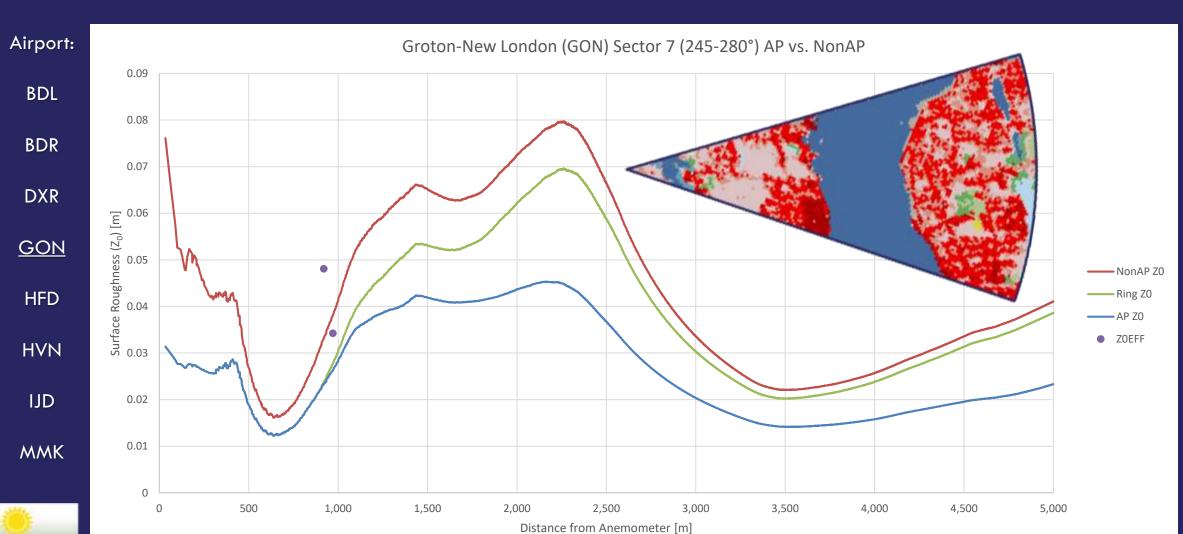
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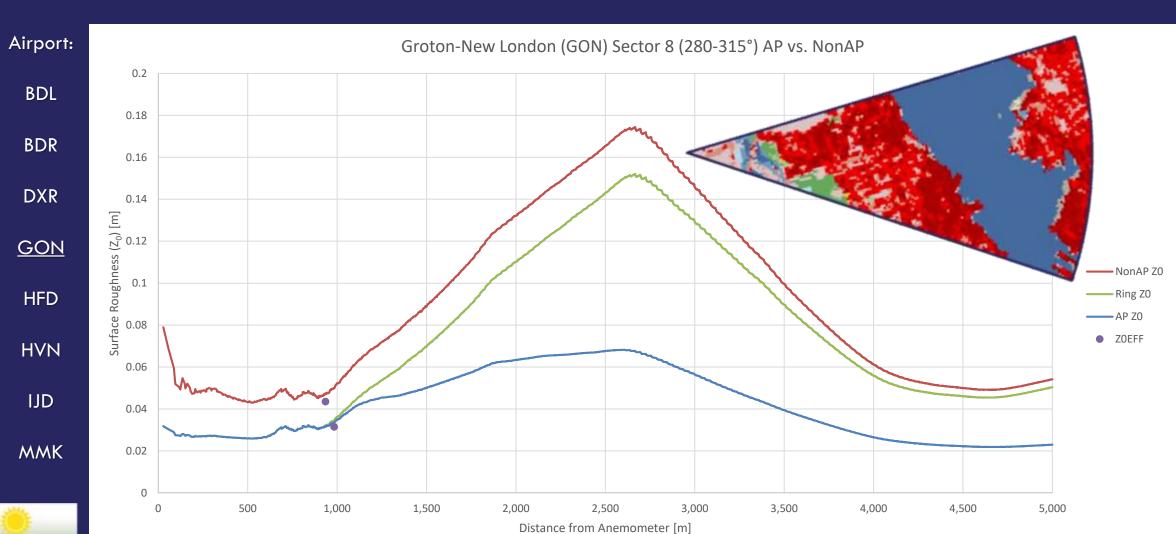
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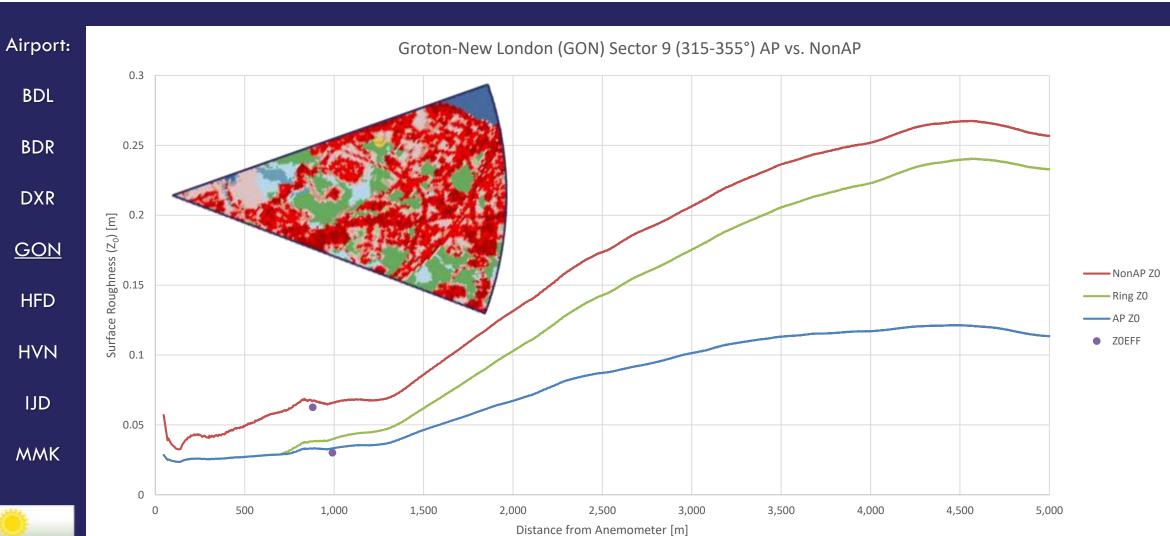
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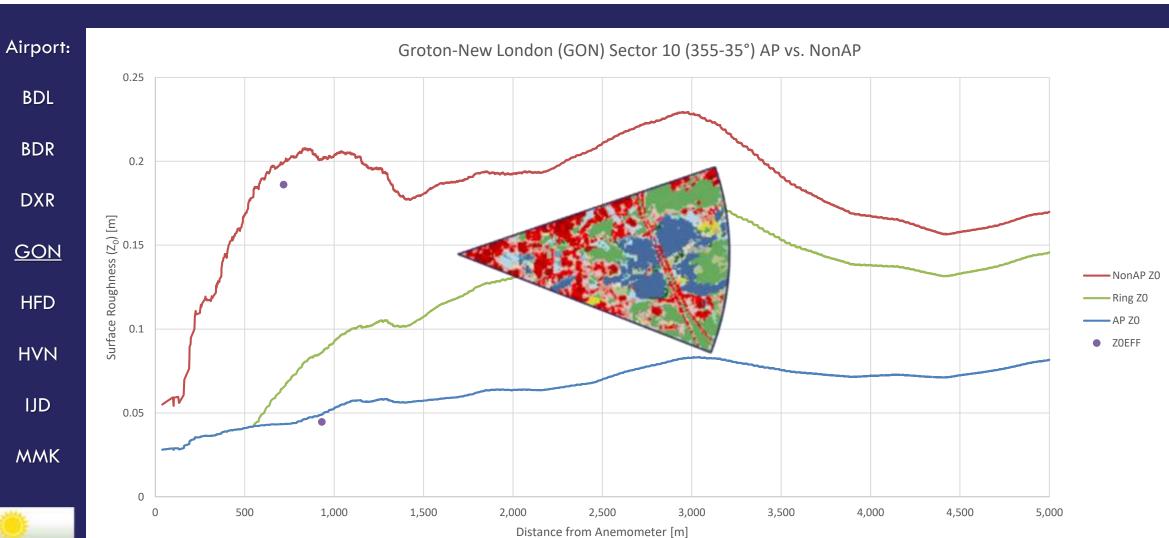


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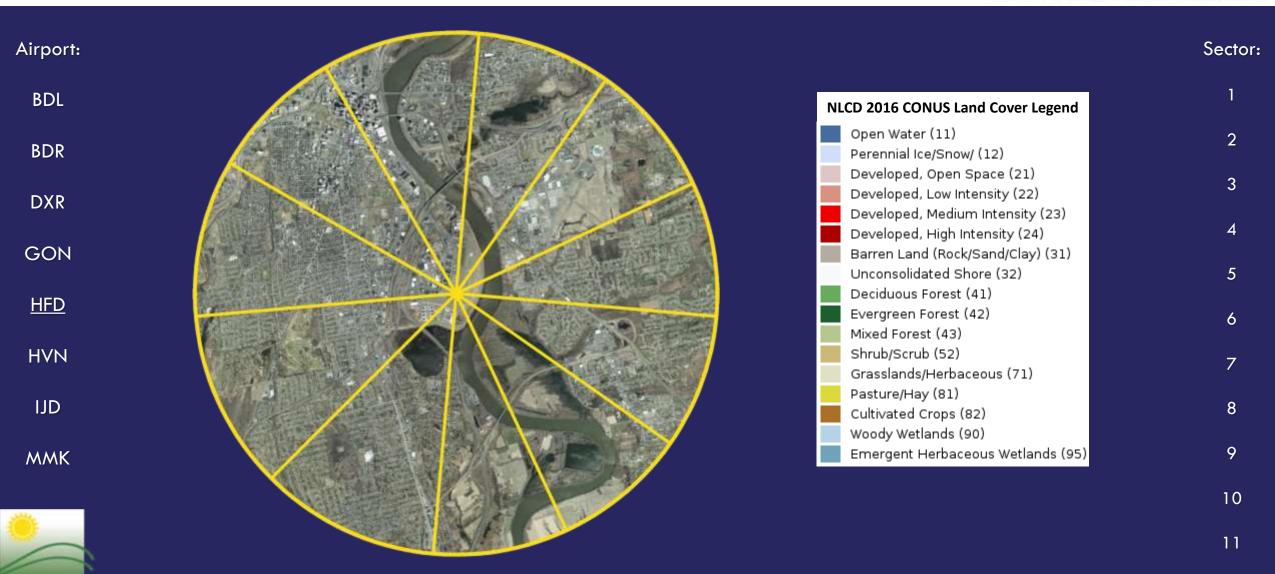




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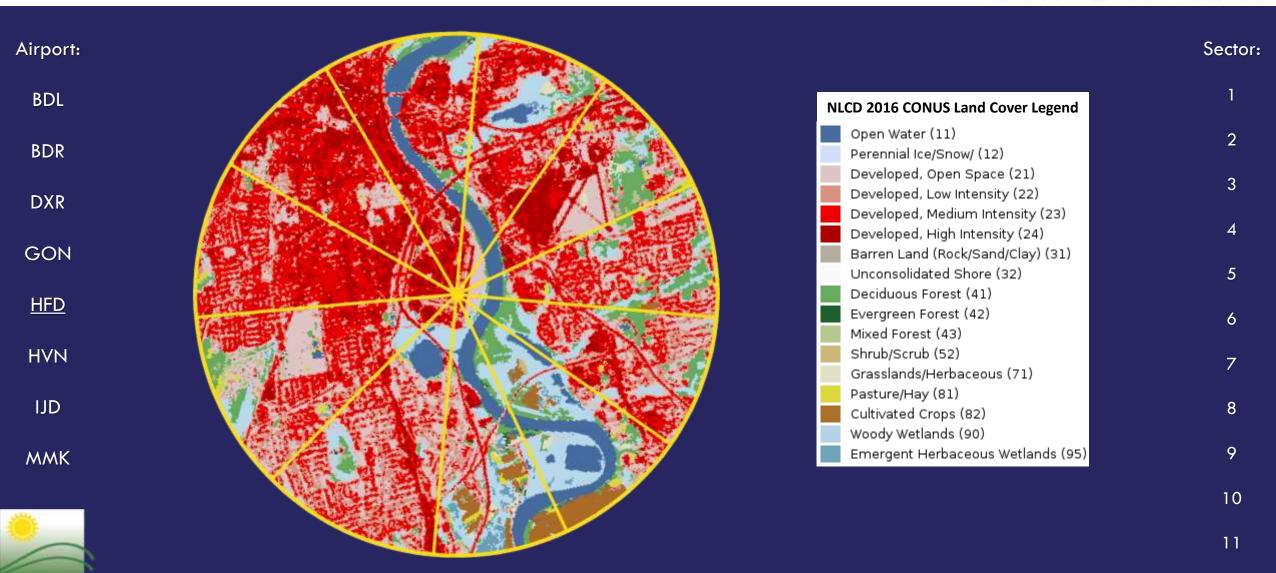
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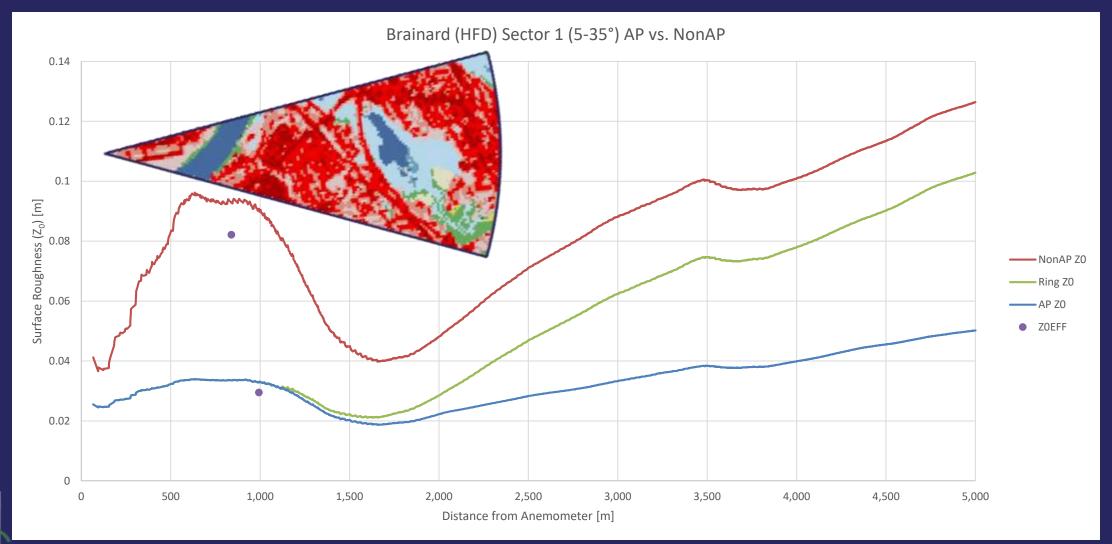
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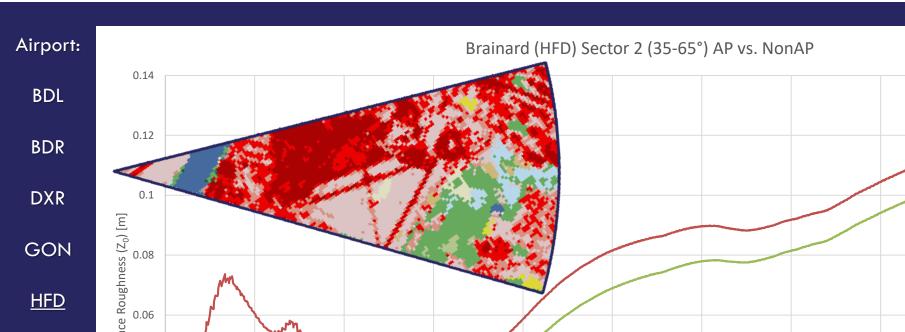
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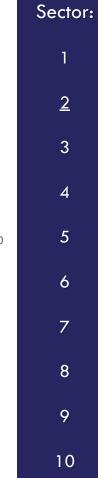
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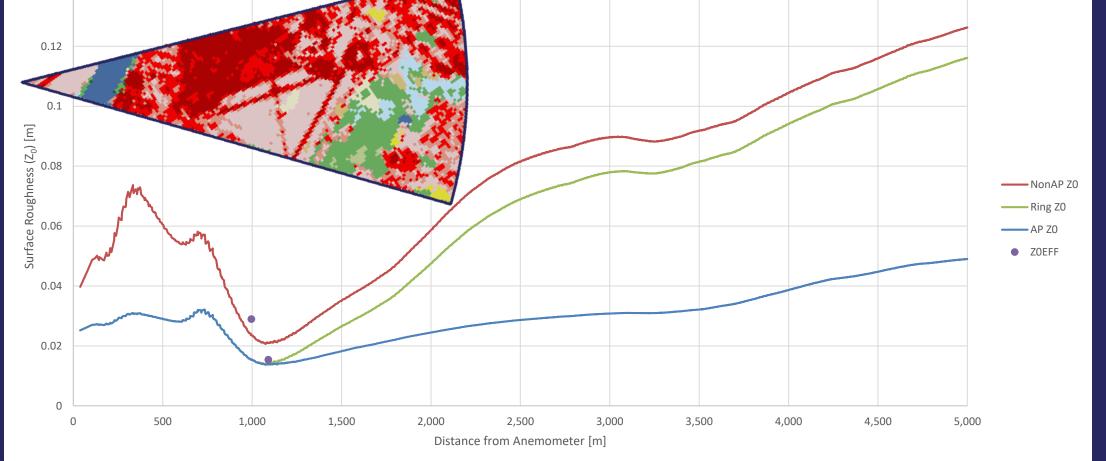


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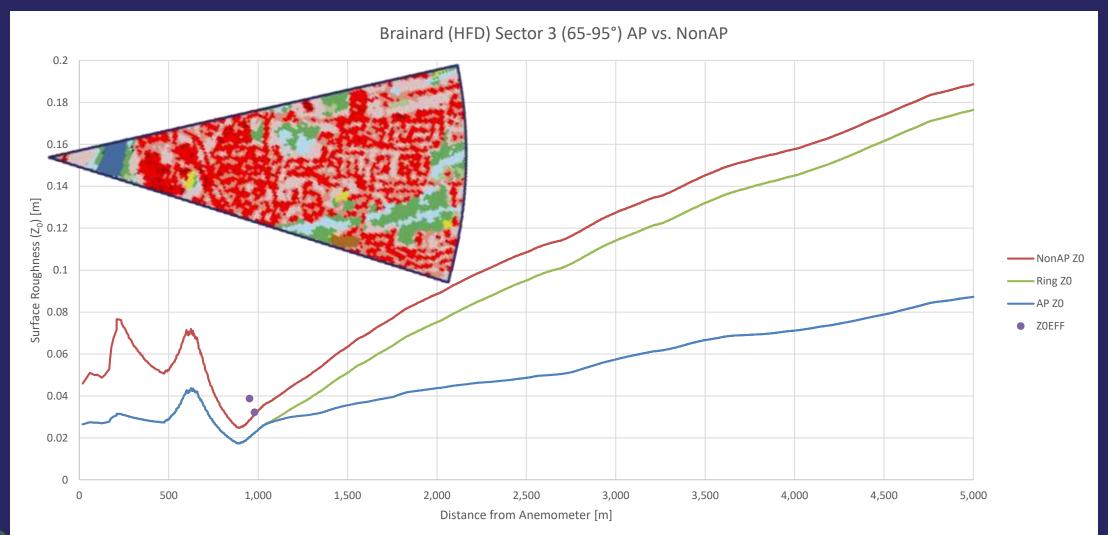
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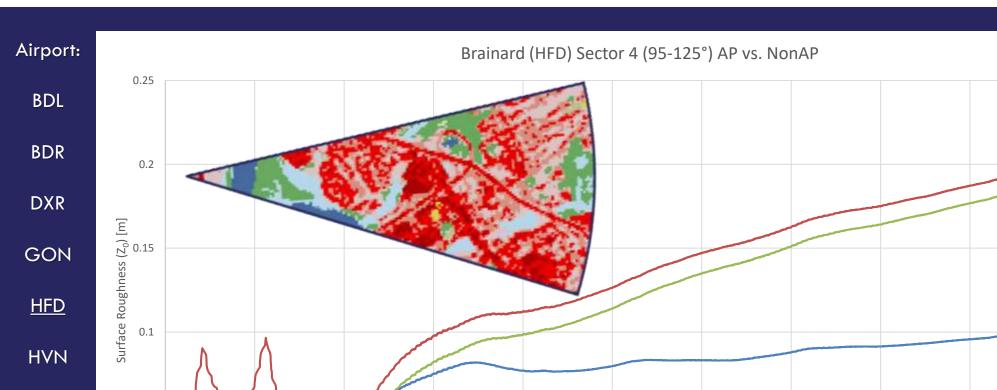
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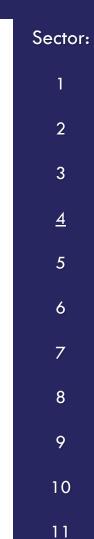
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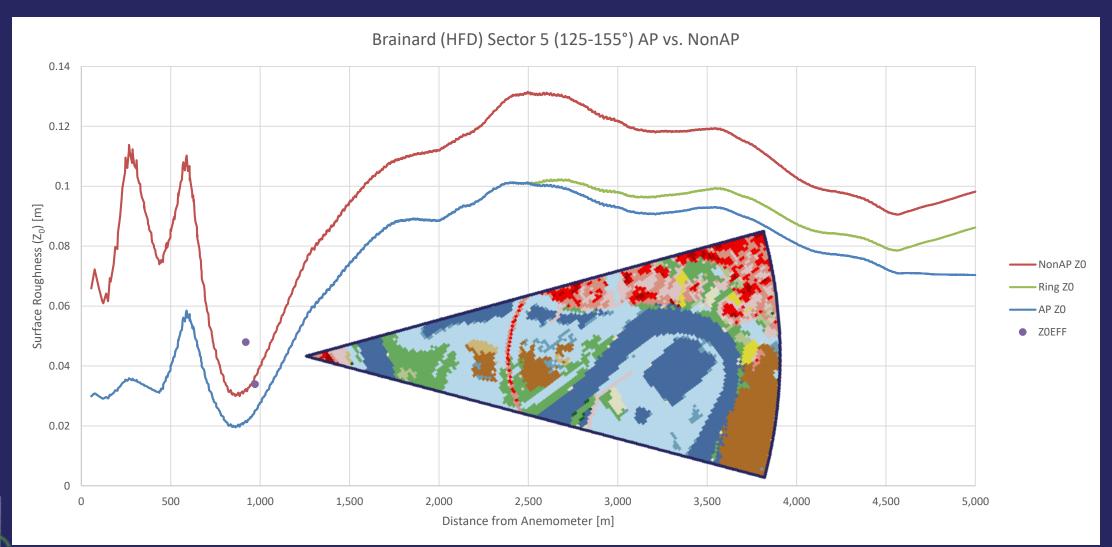
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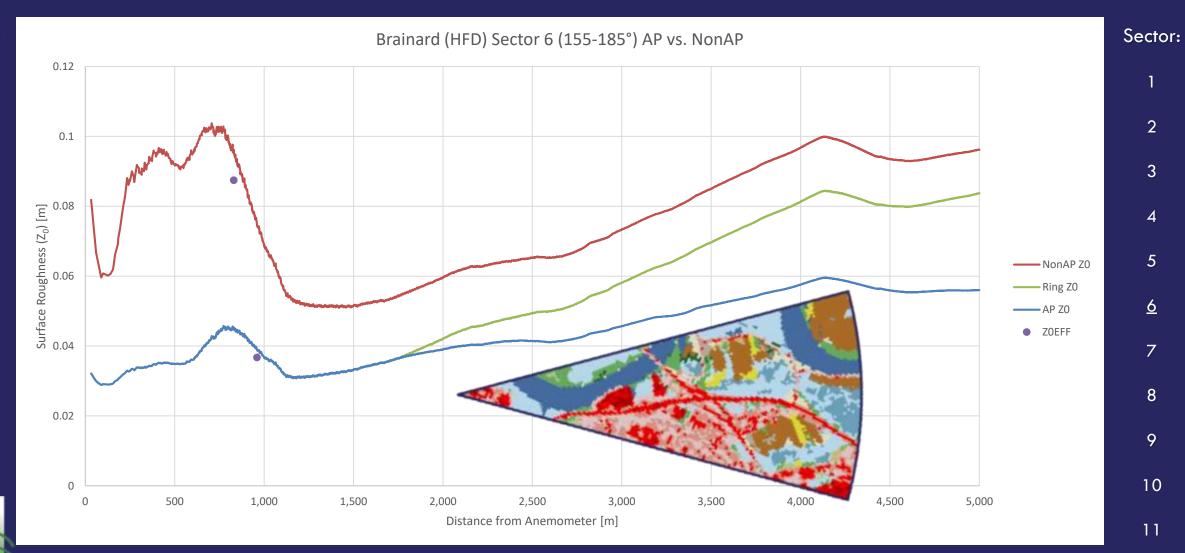
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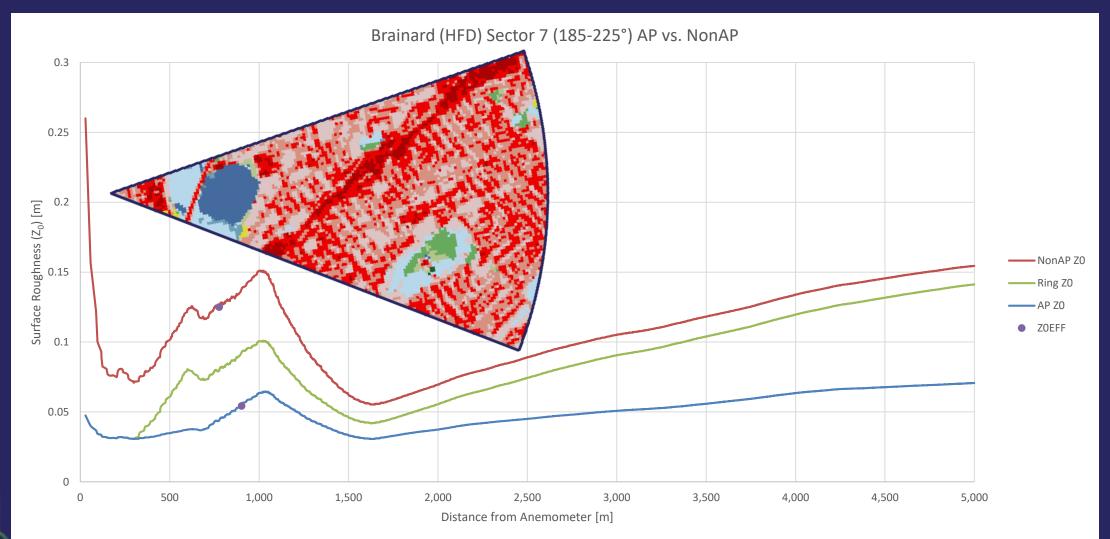
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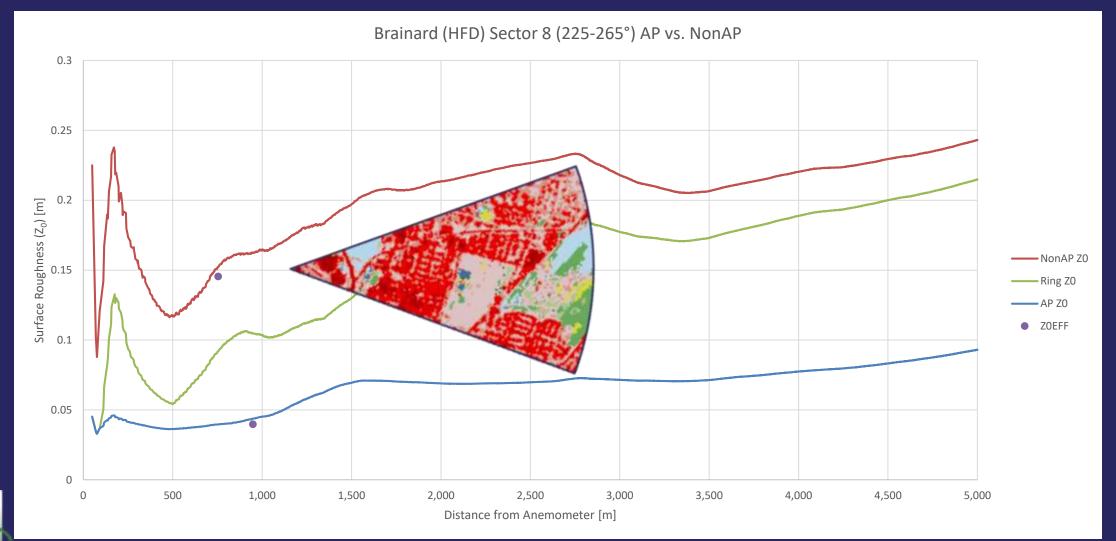
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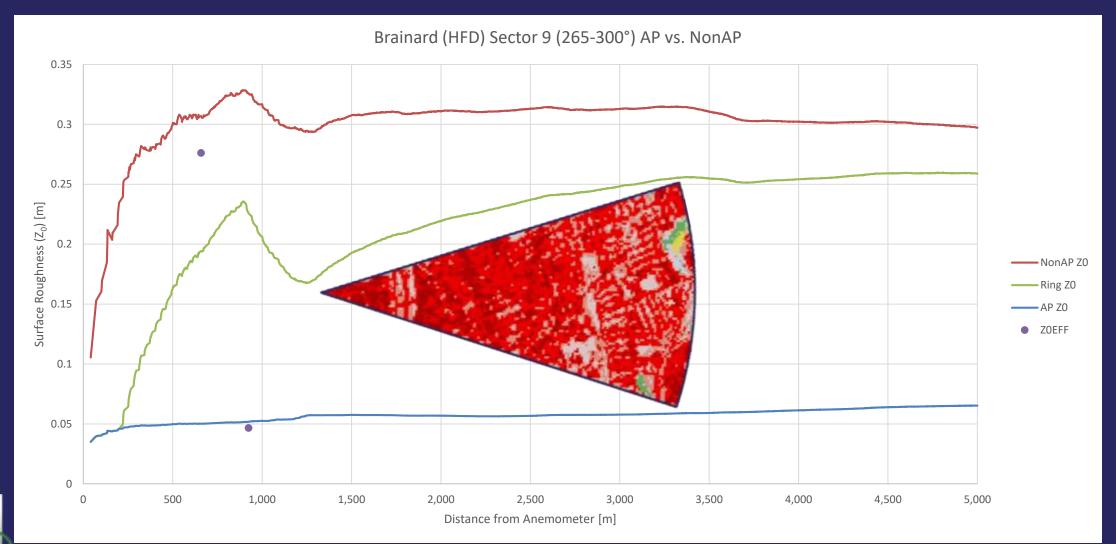
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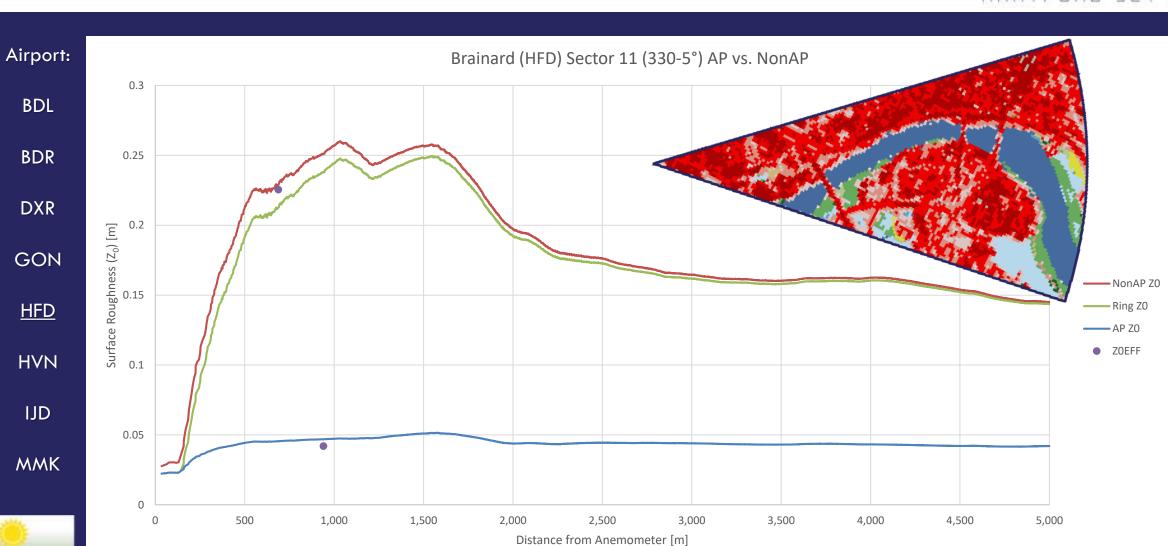


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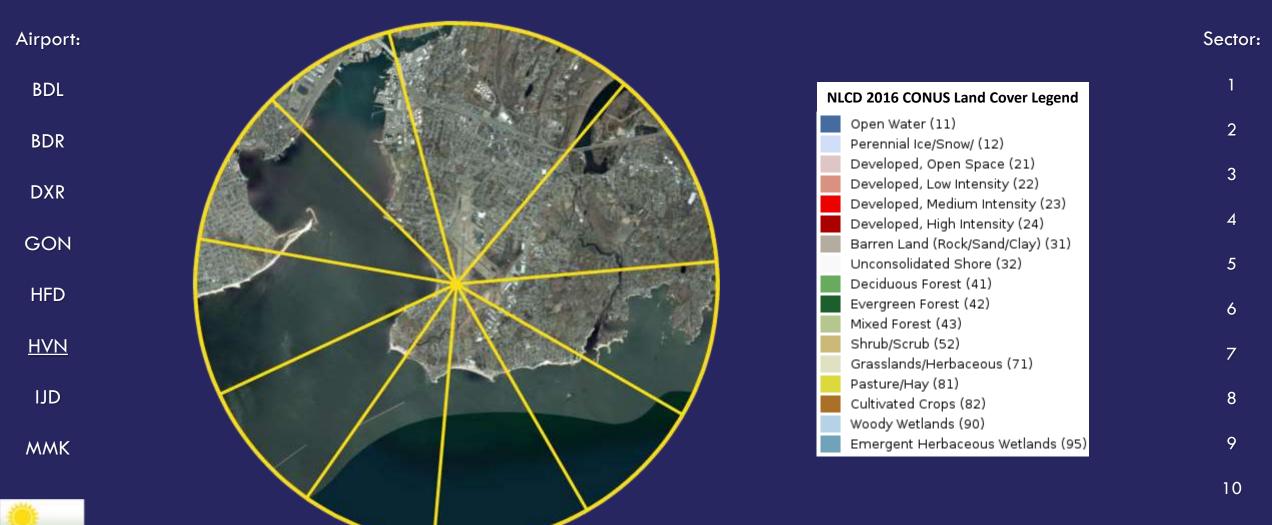




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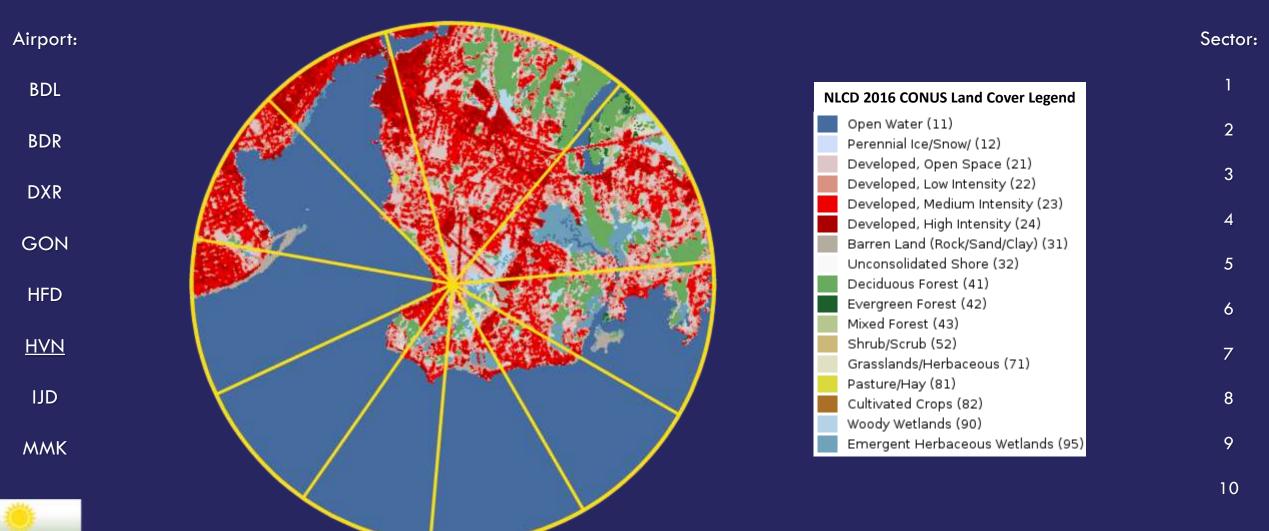
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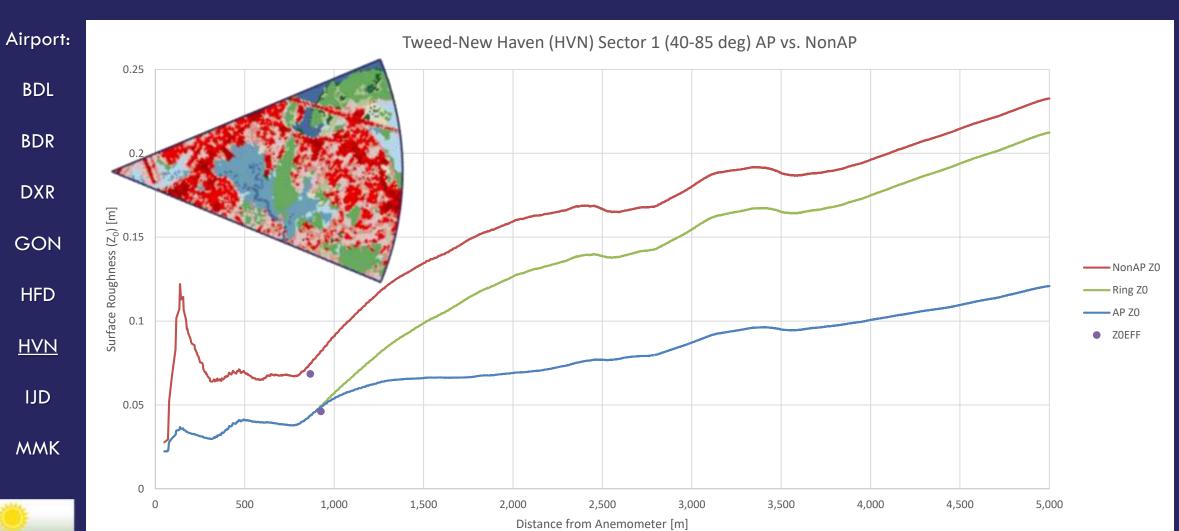


Tweed-New Haven Airport (HVN)









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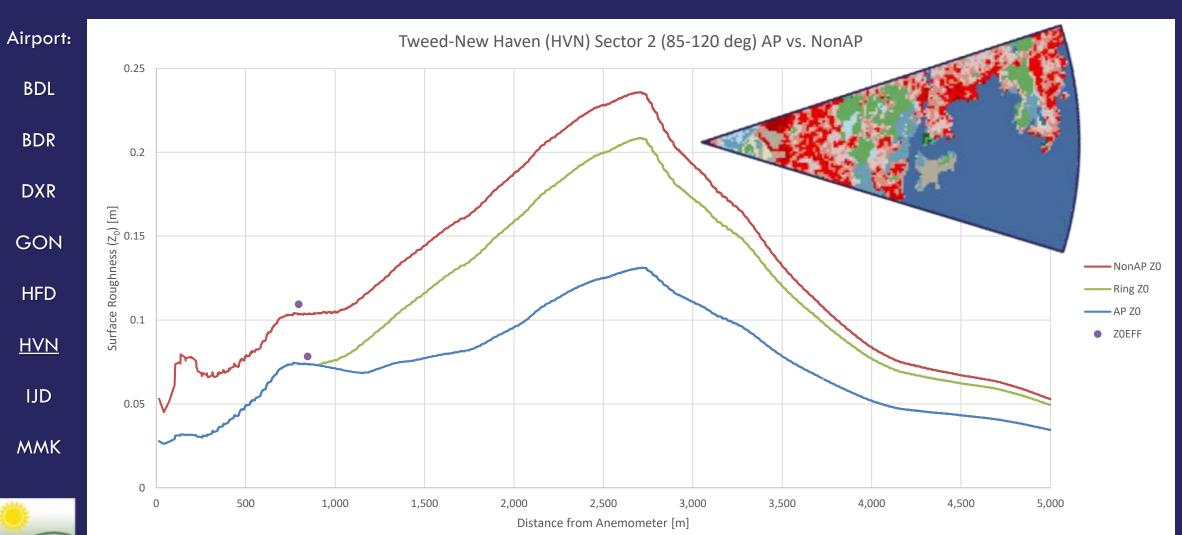
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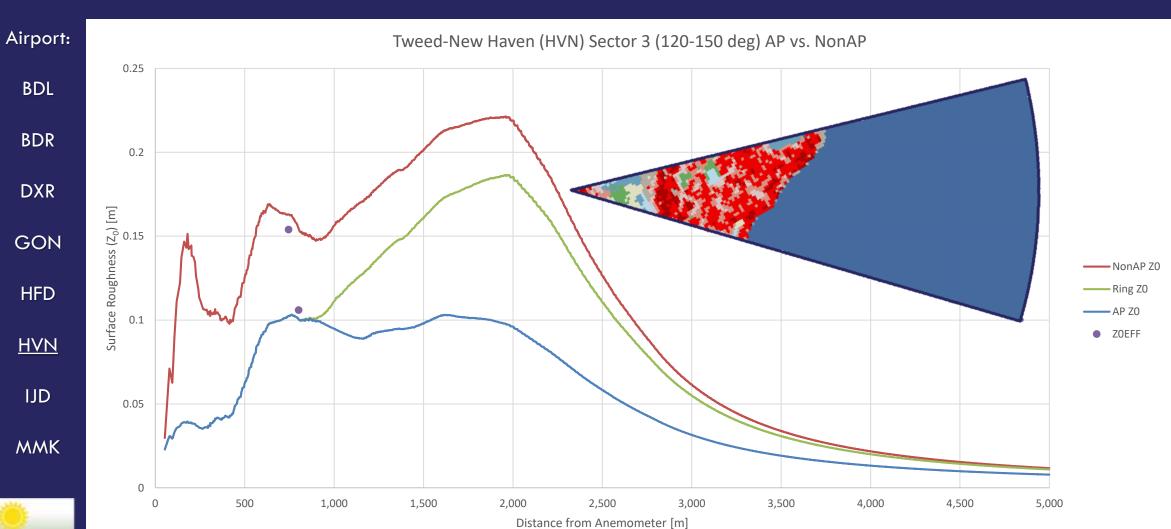
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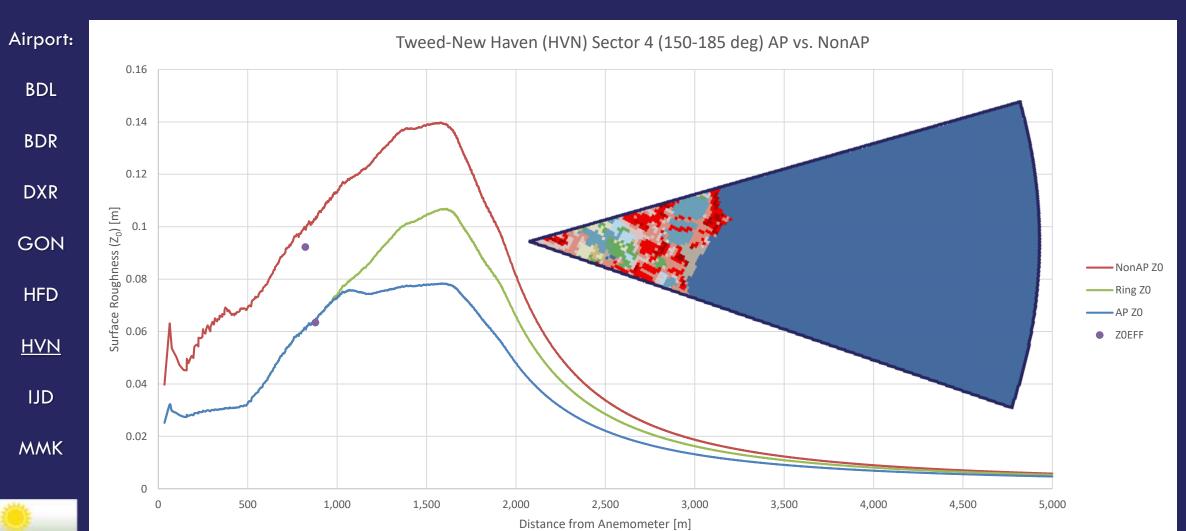
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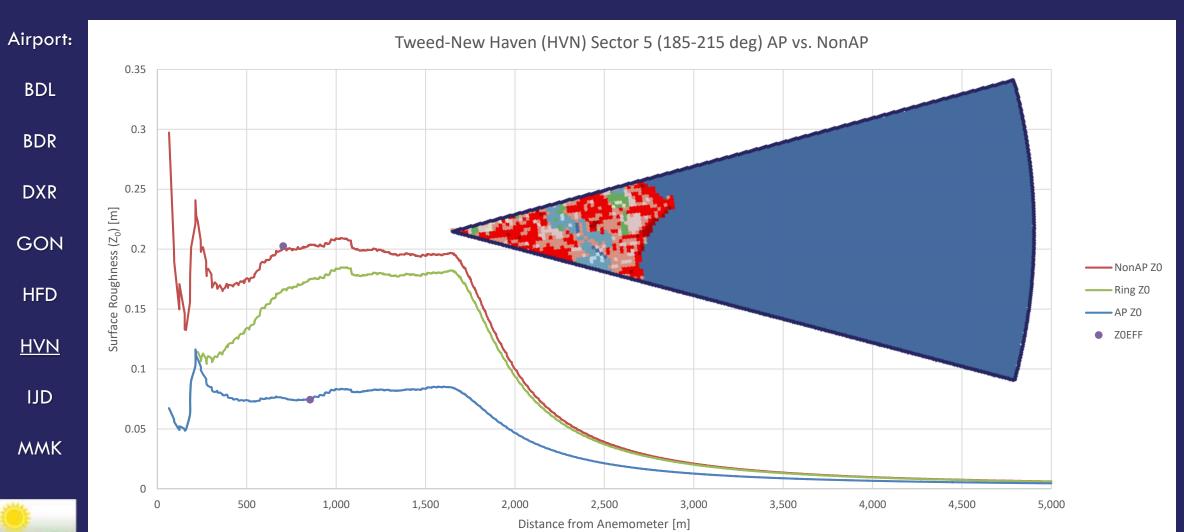




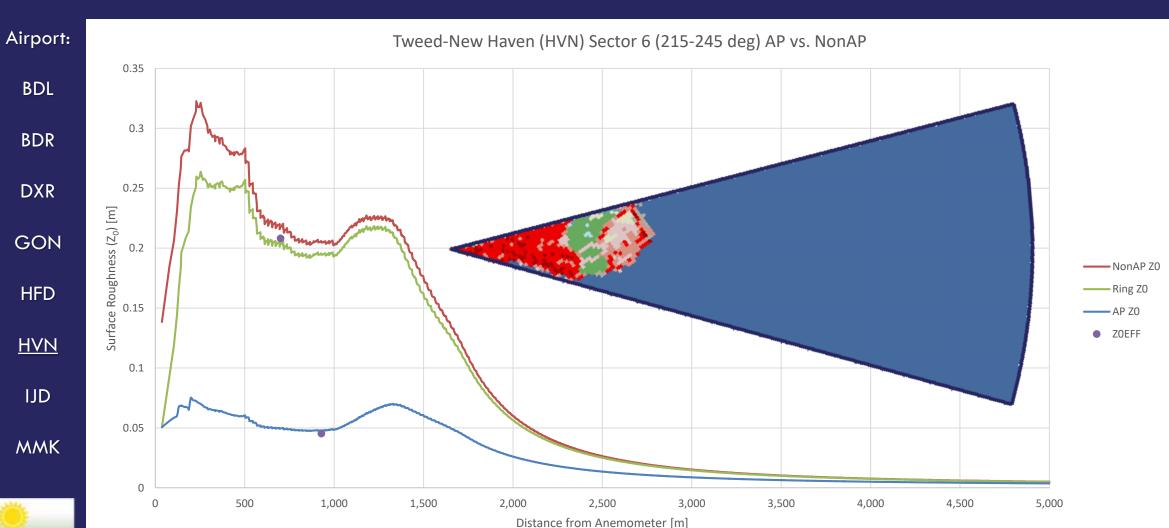
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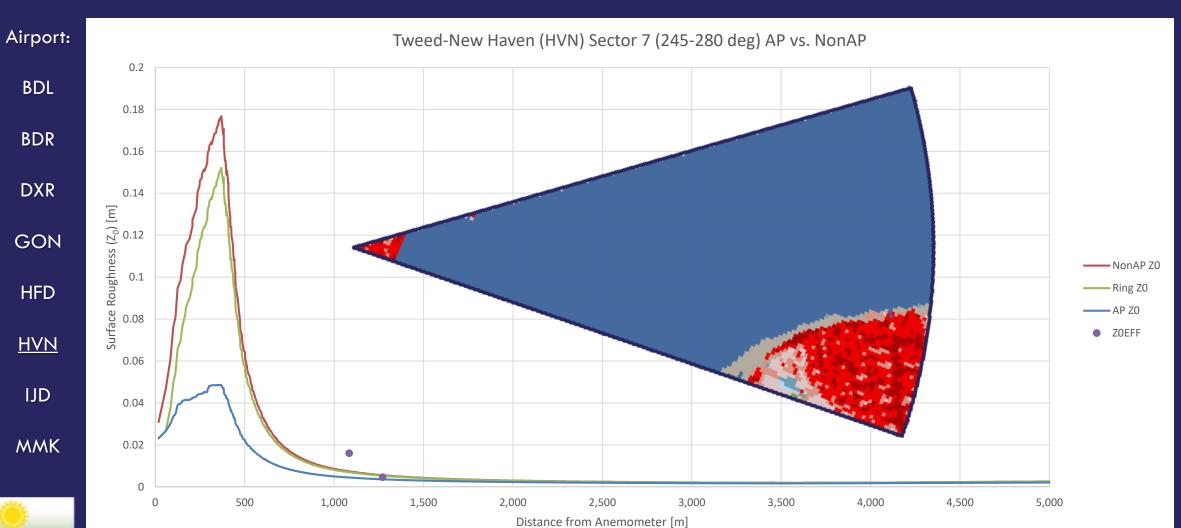
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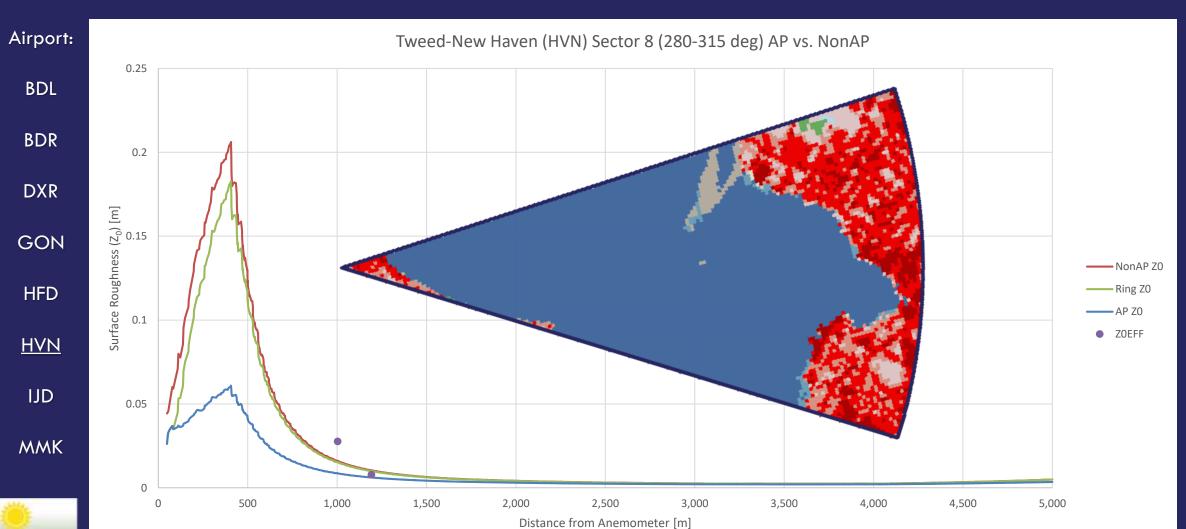




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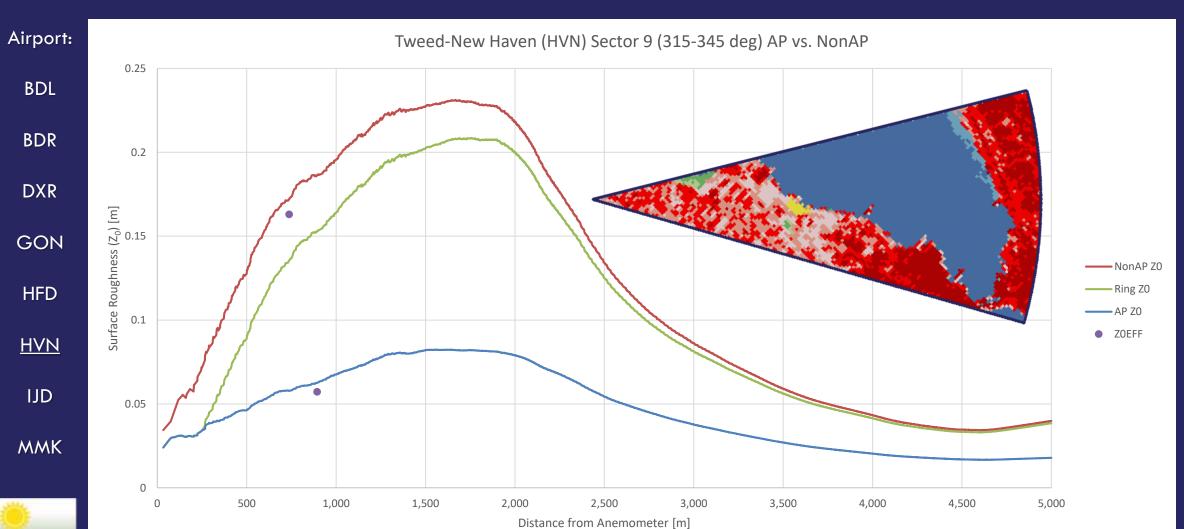
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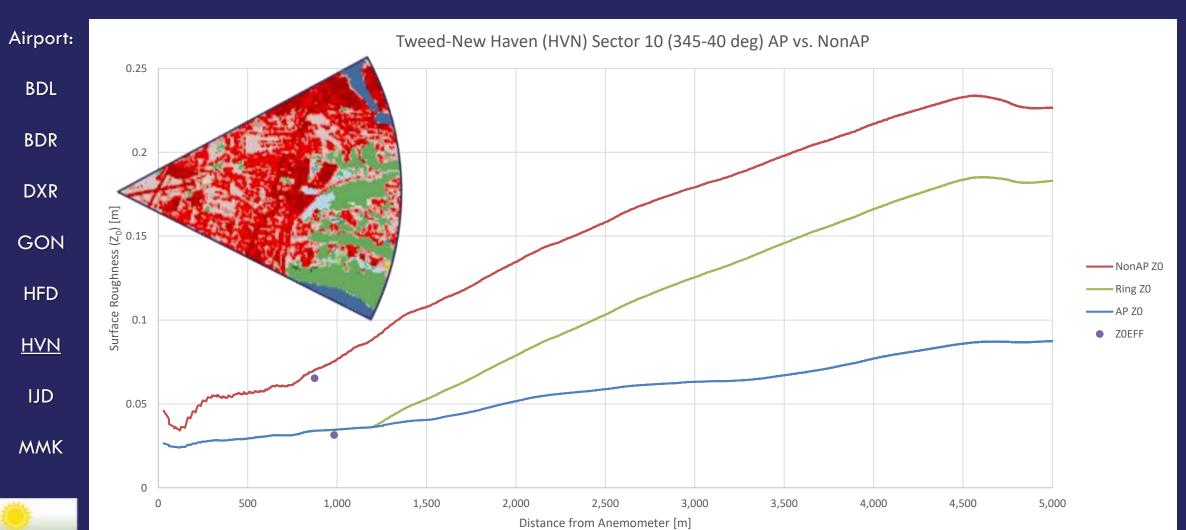
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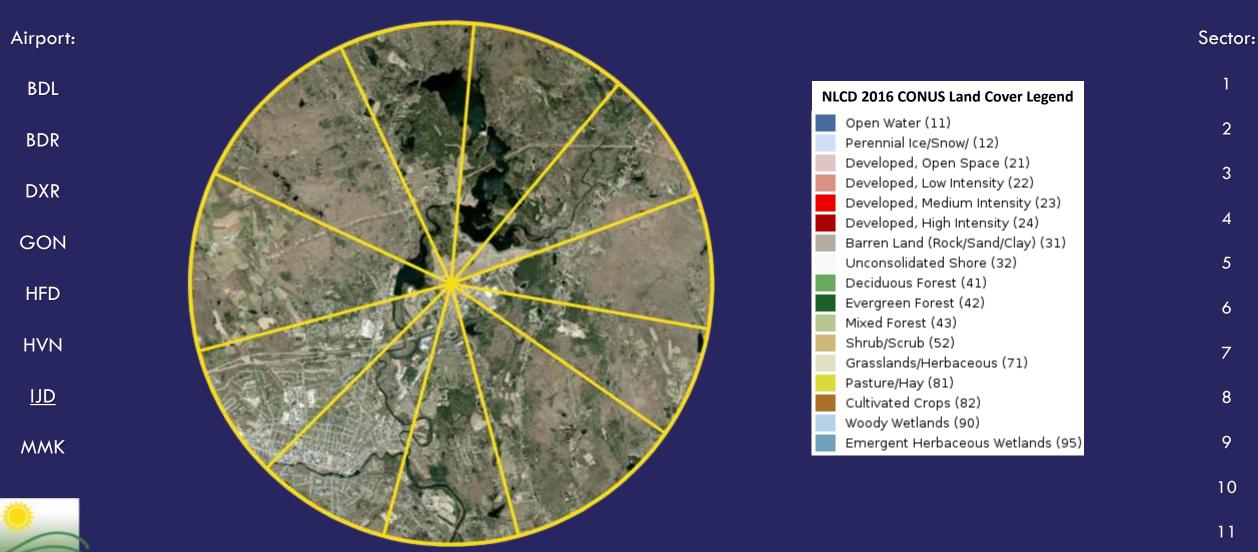
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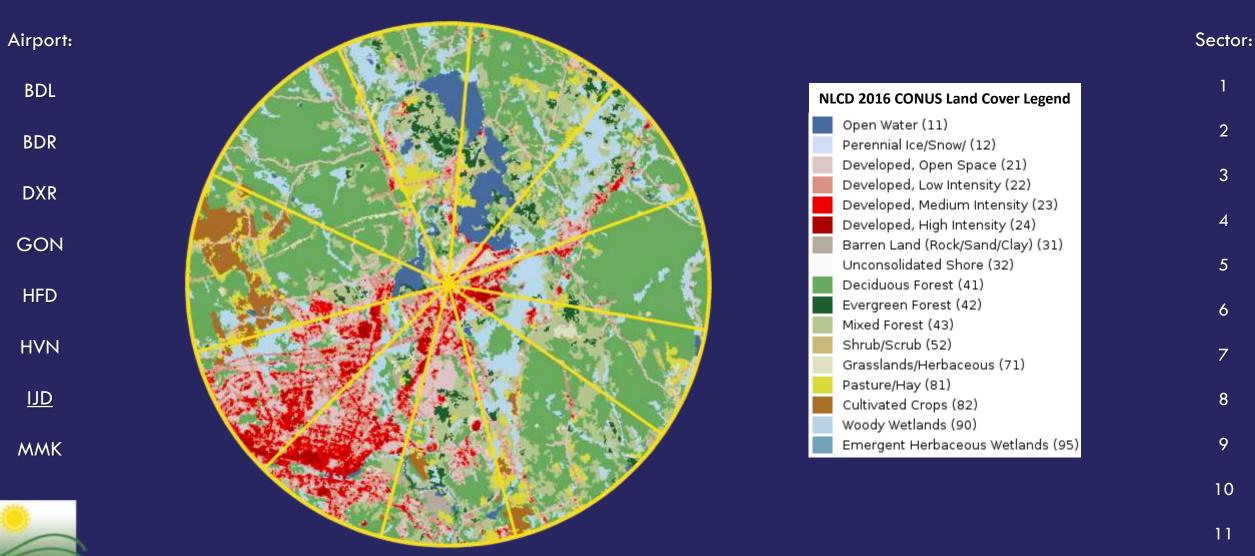
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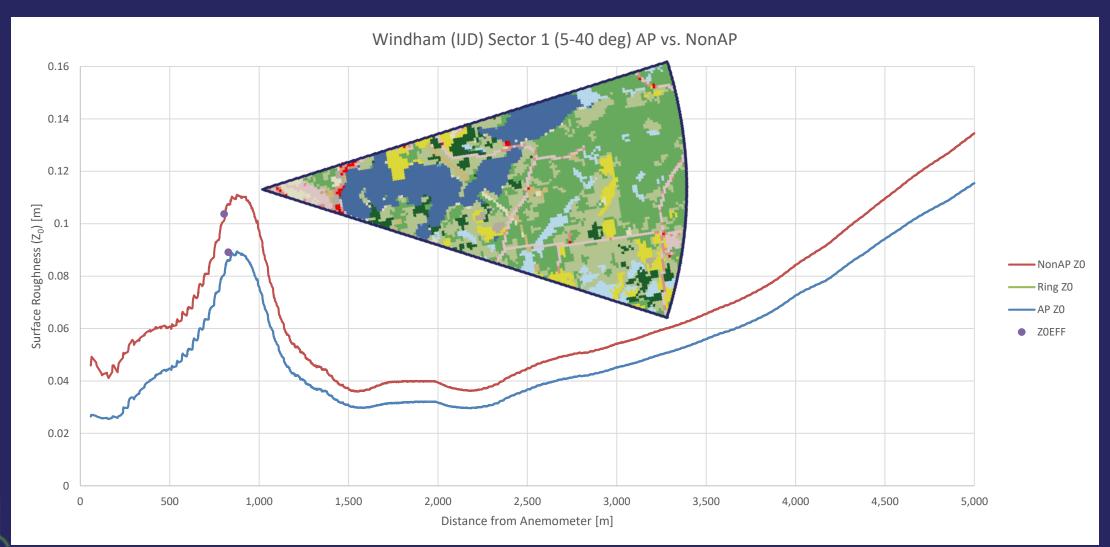
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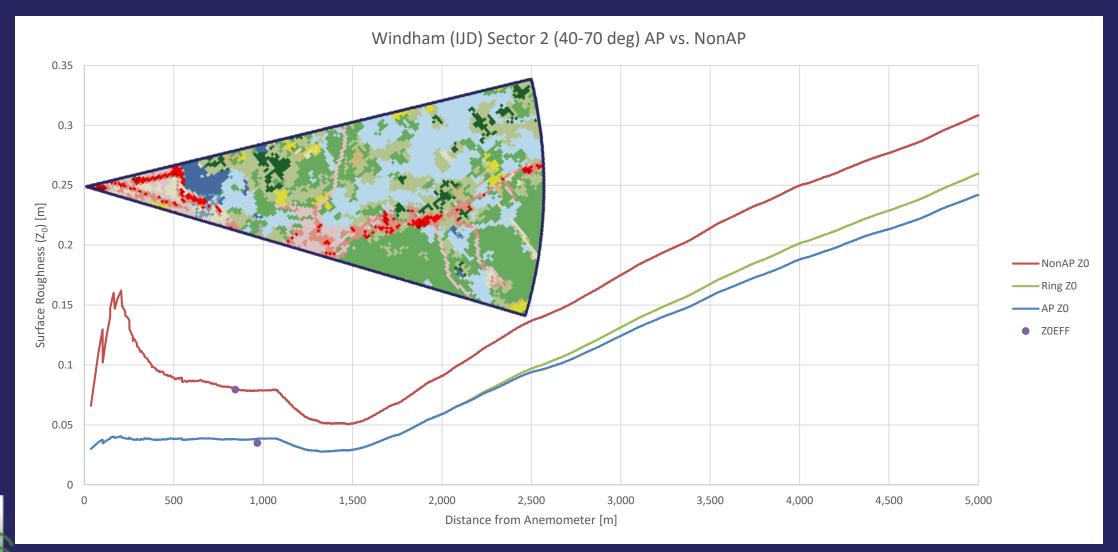
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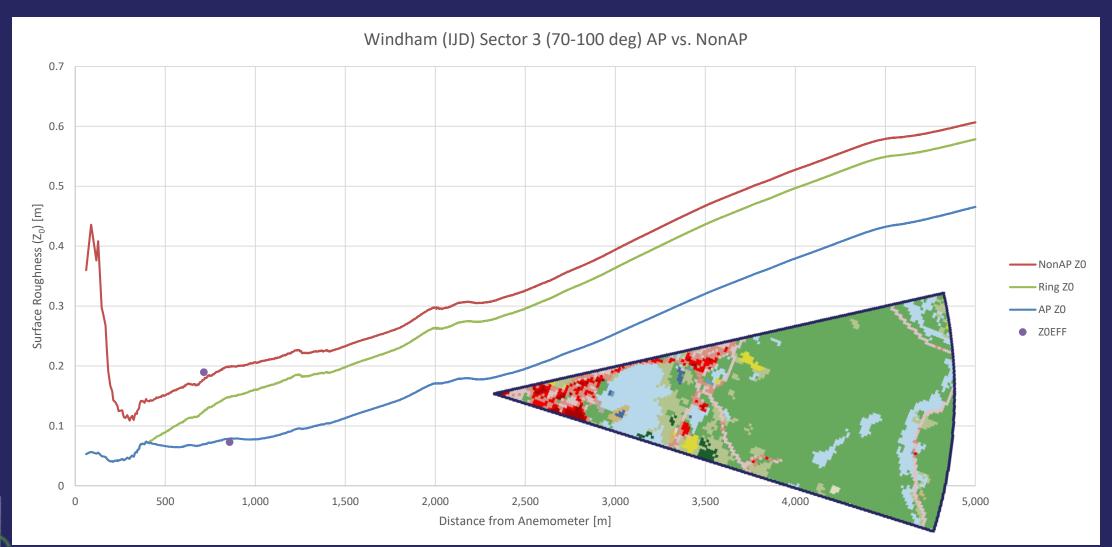
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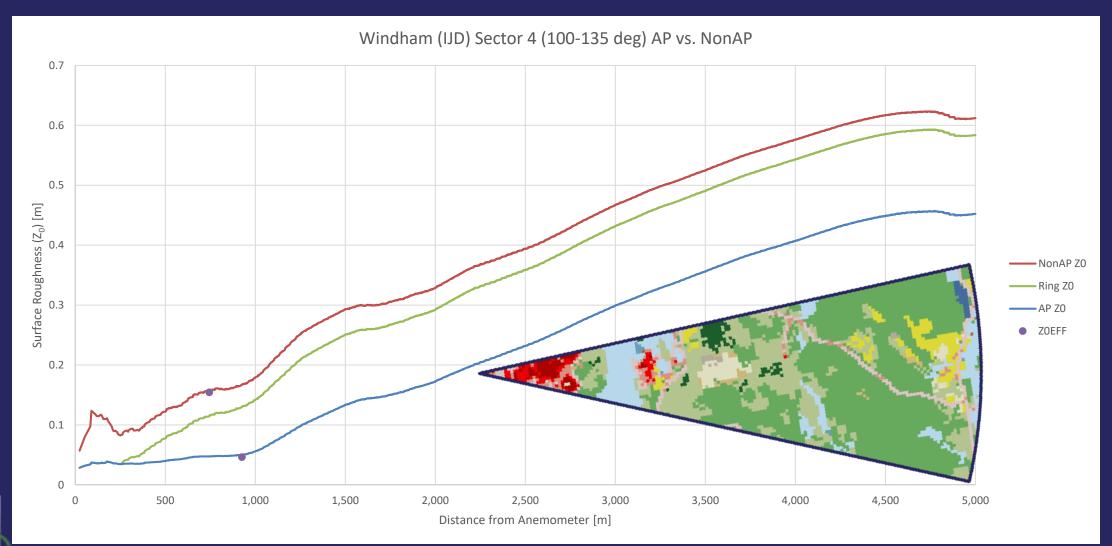
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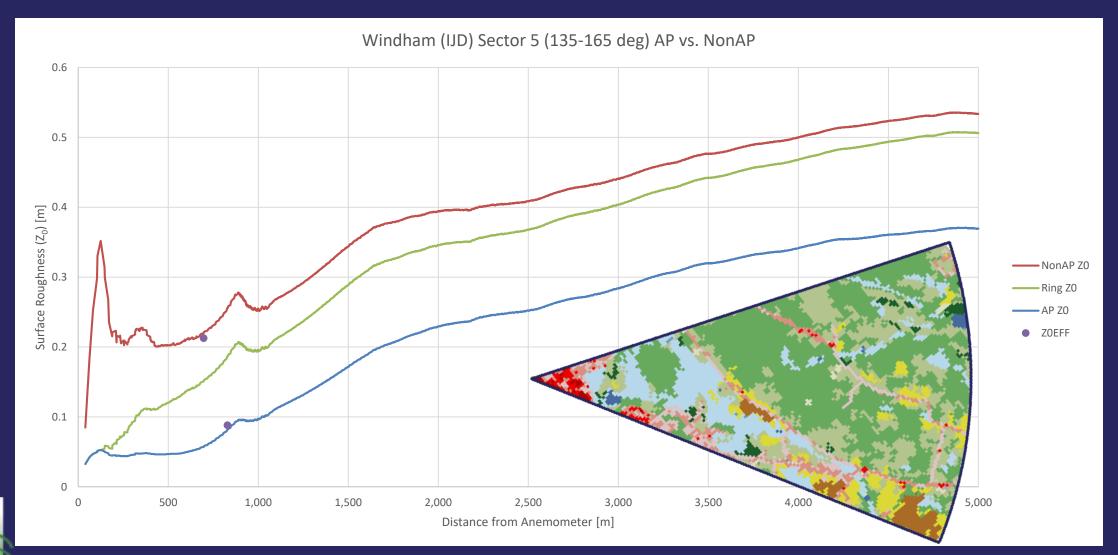
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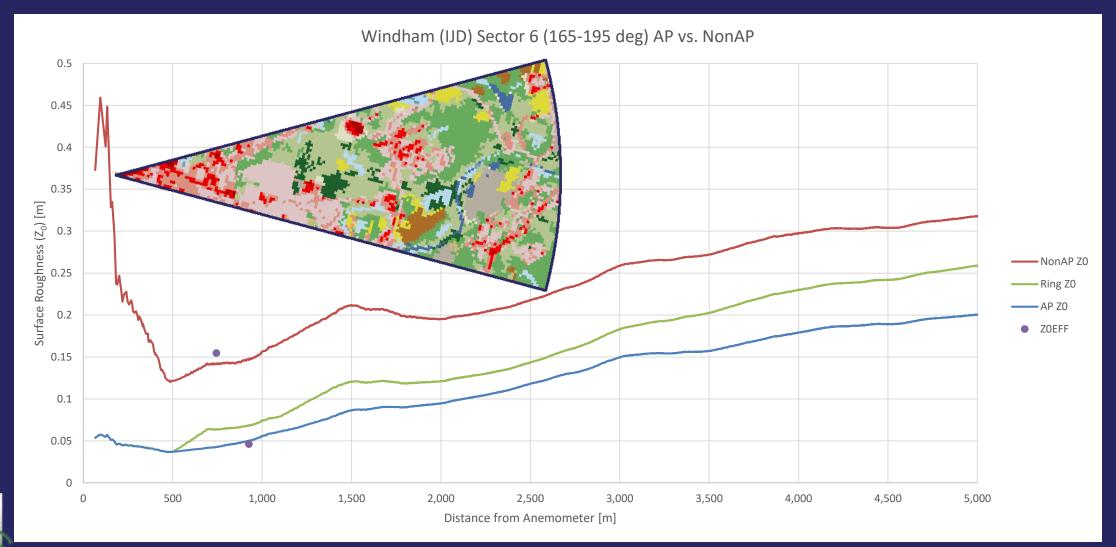
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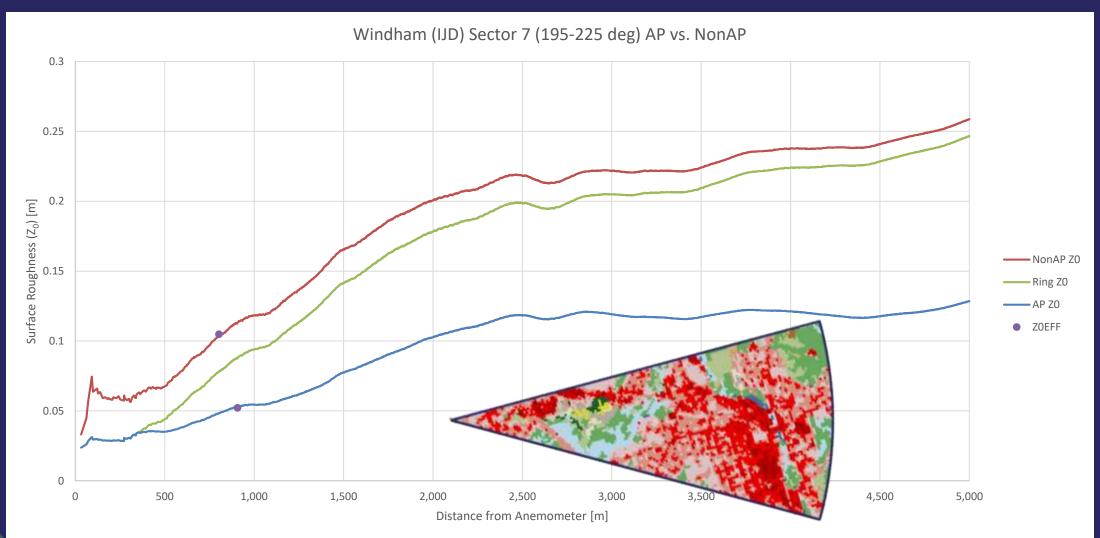
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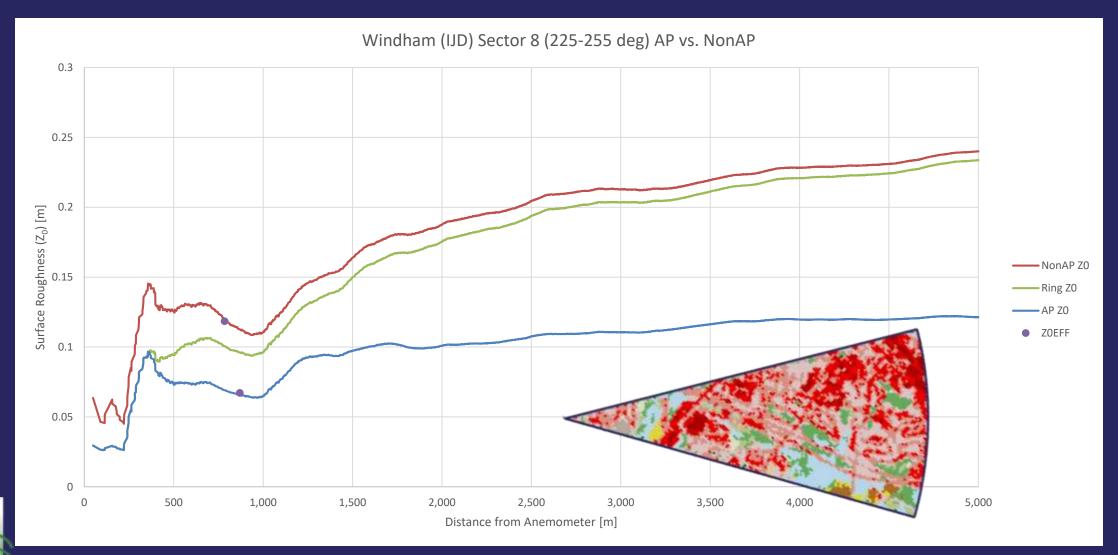
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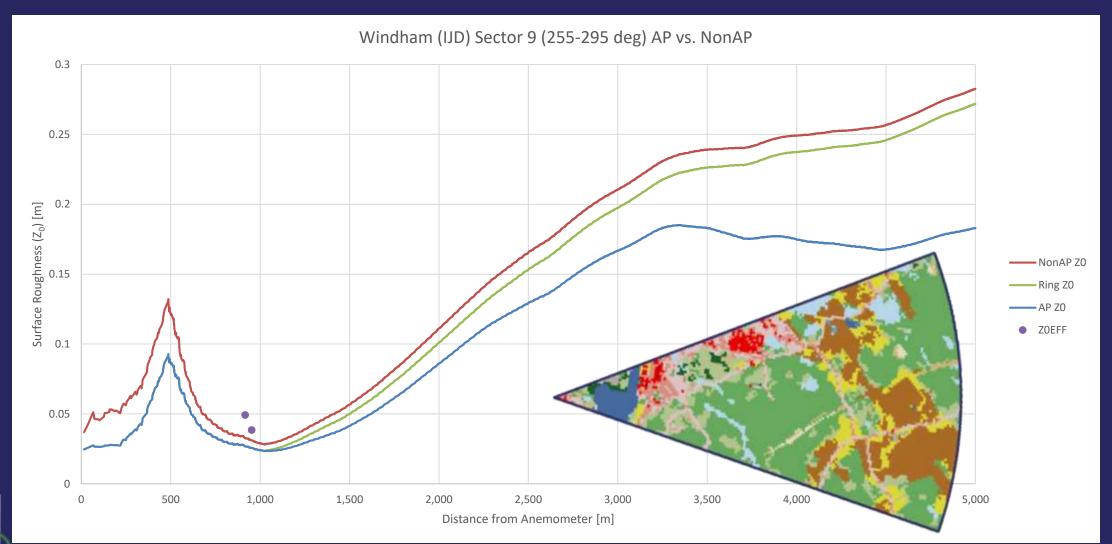
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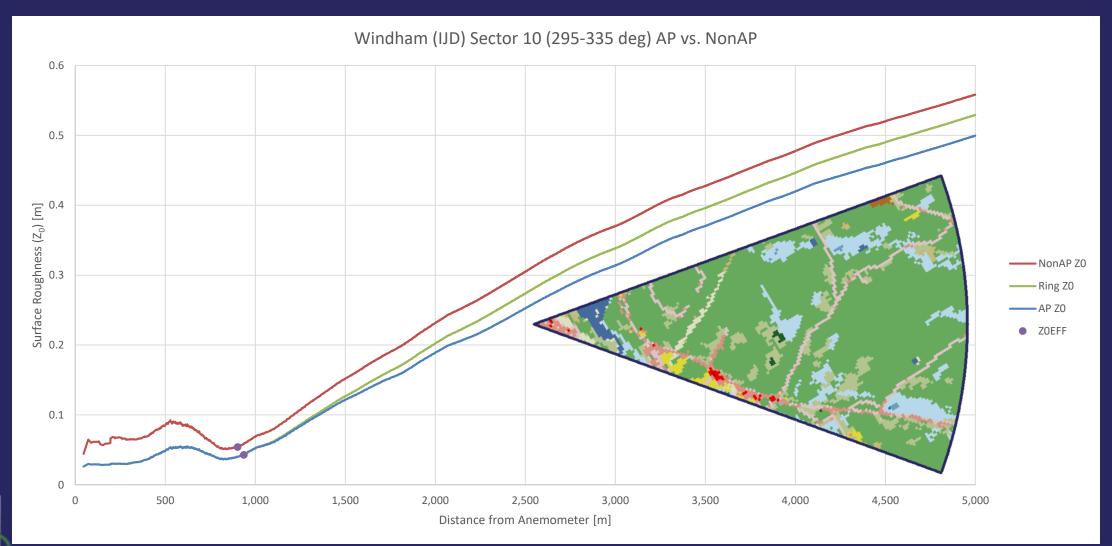
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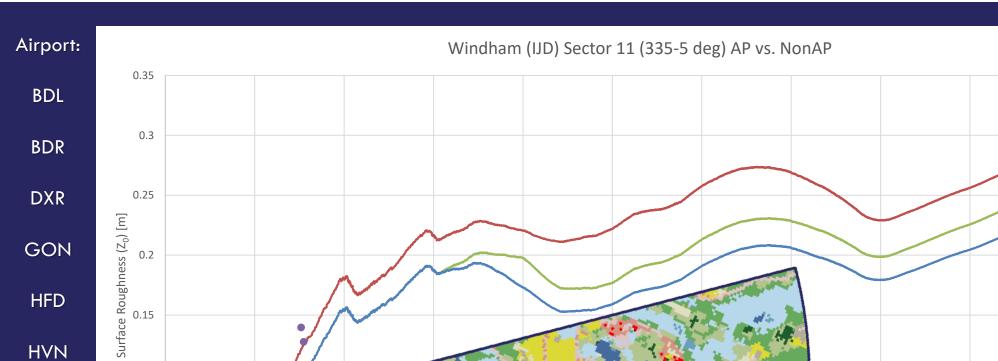
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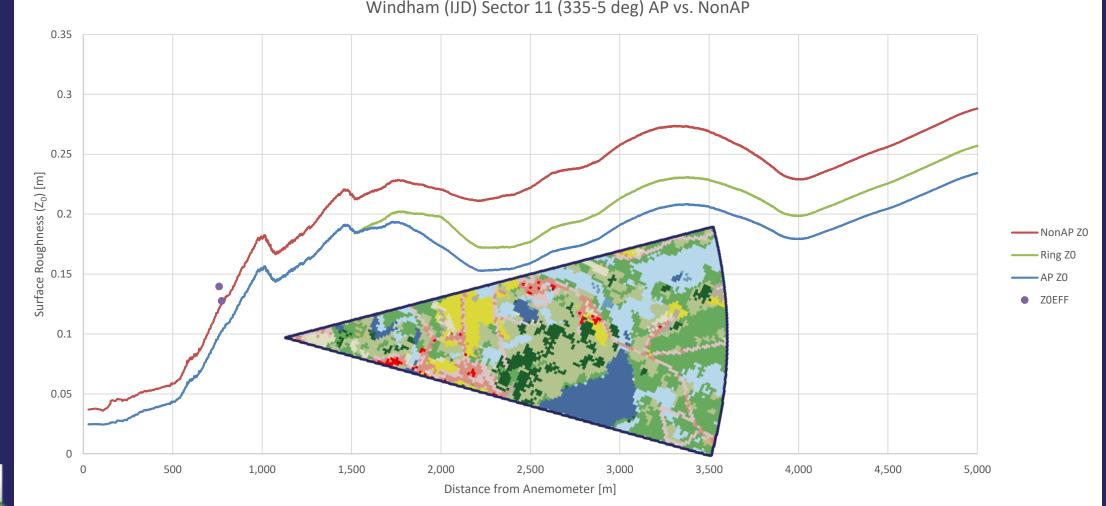
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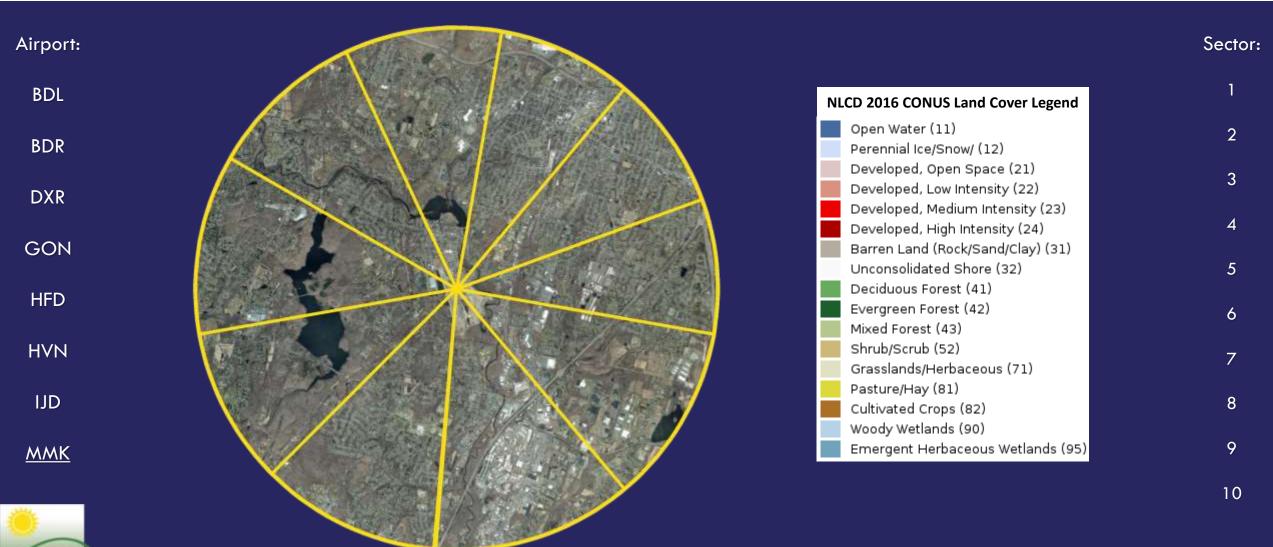
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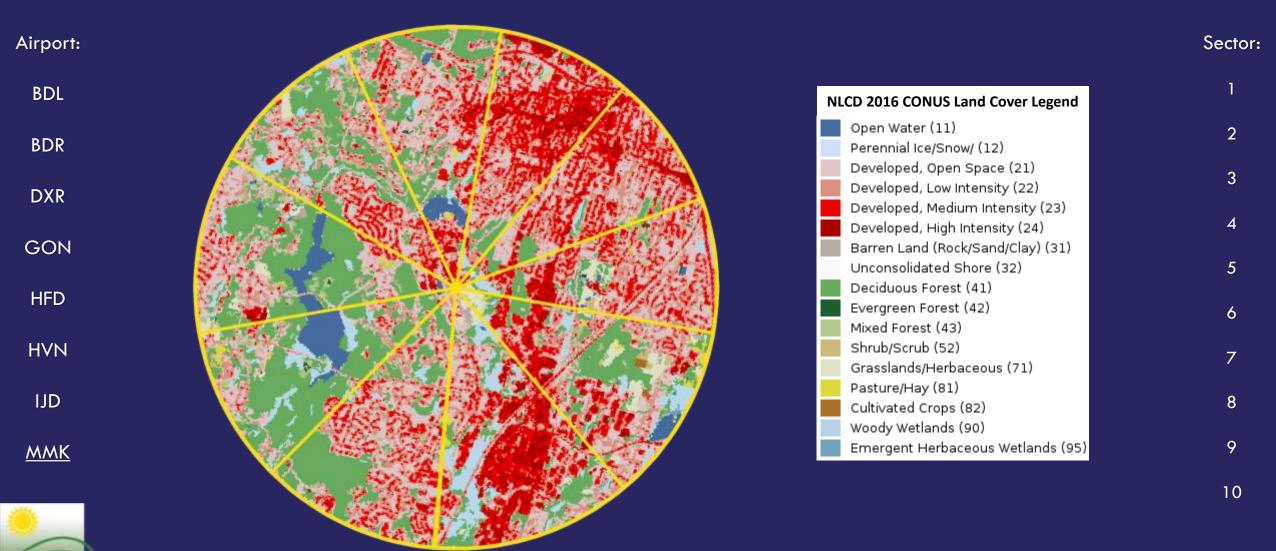
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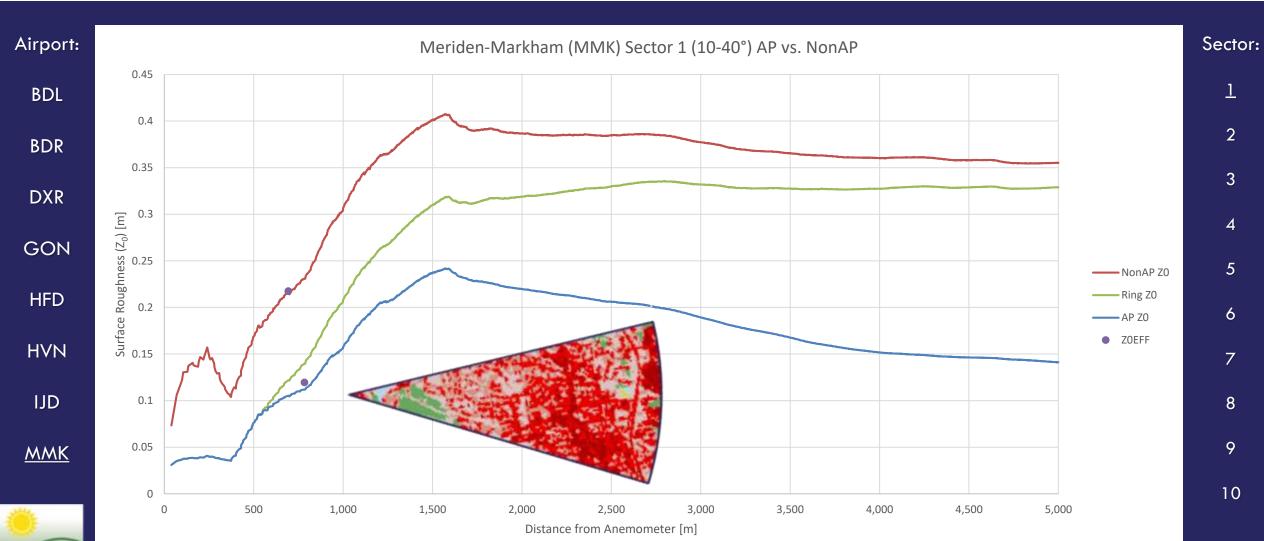


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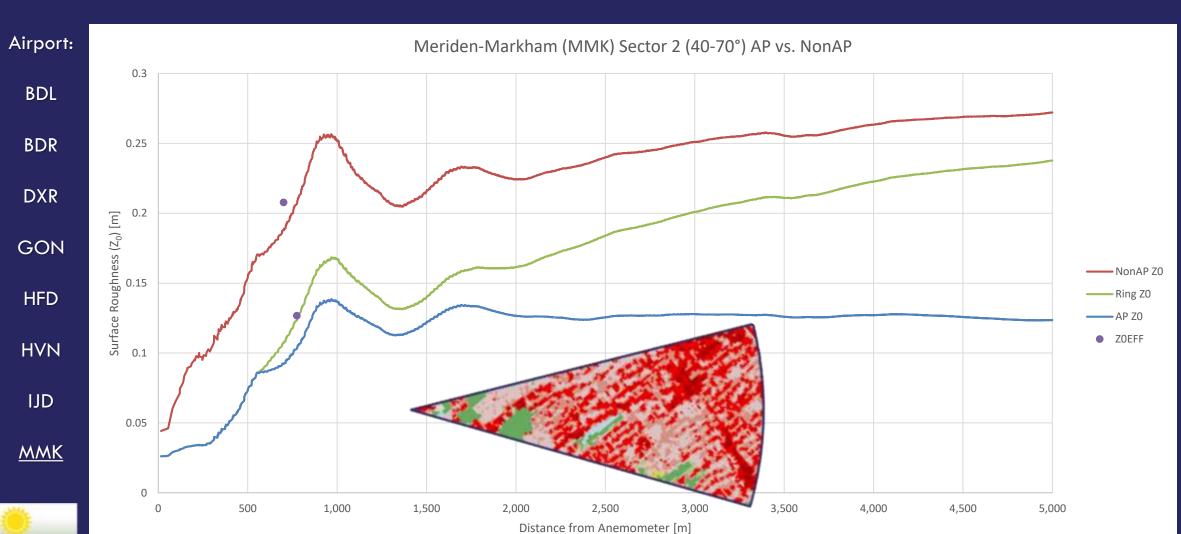








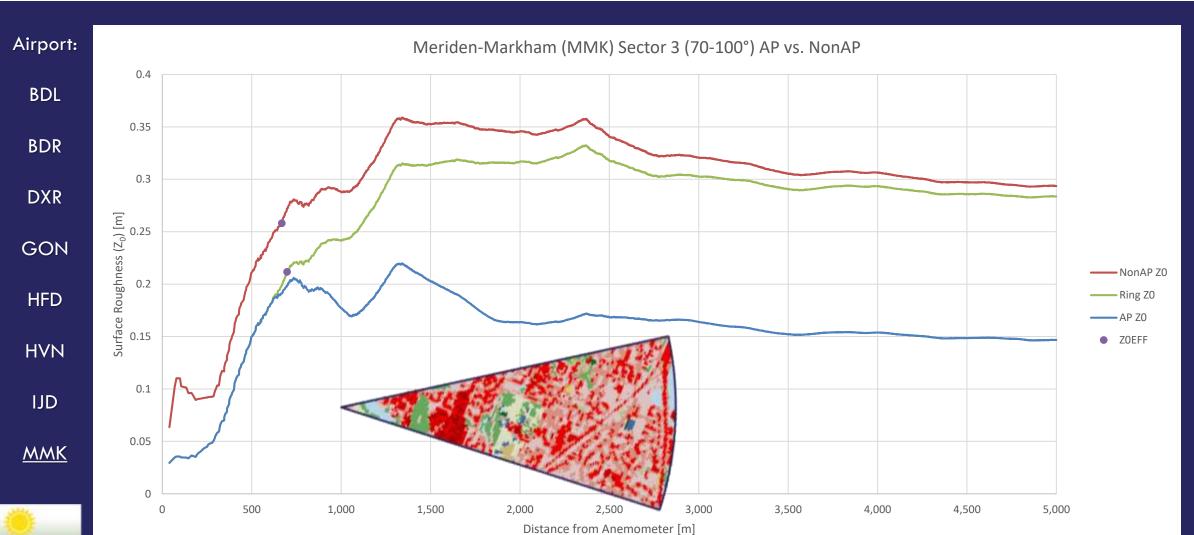




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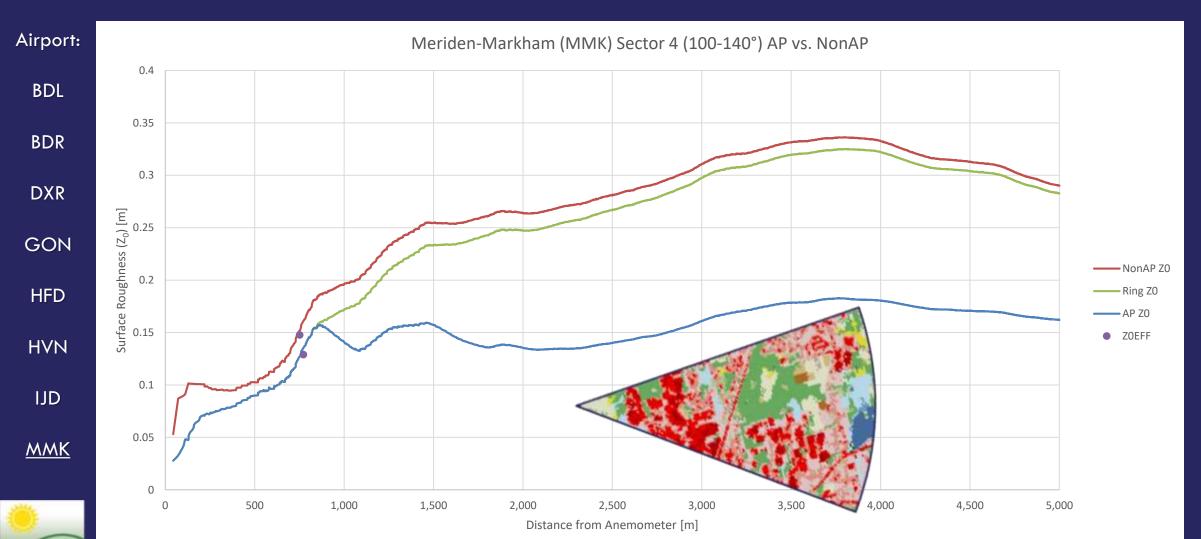


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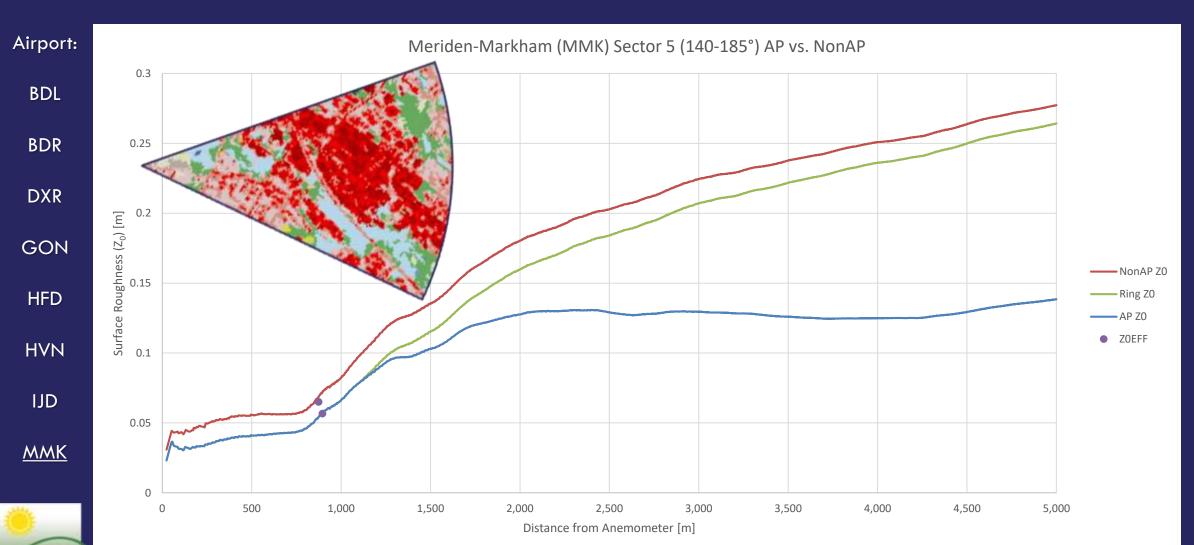


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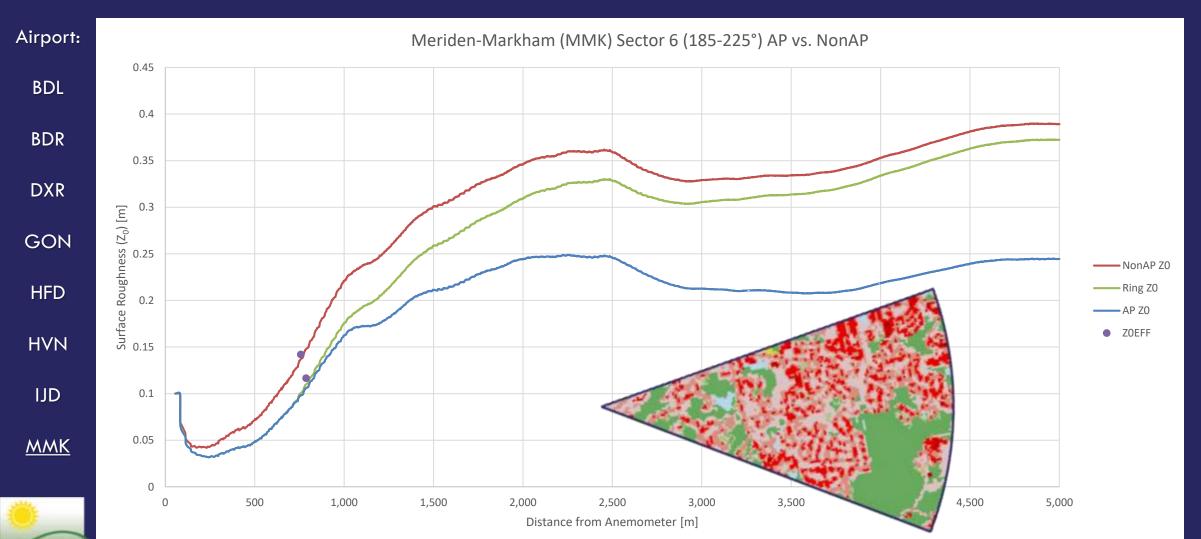


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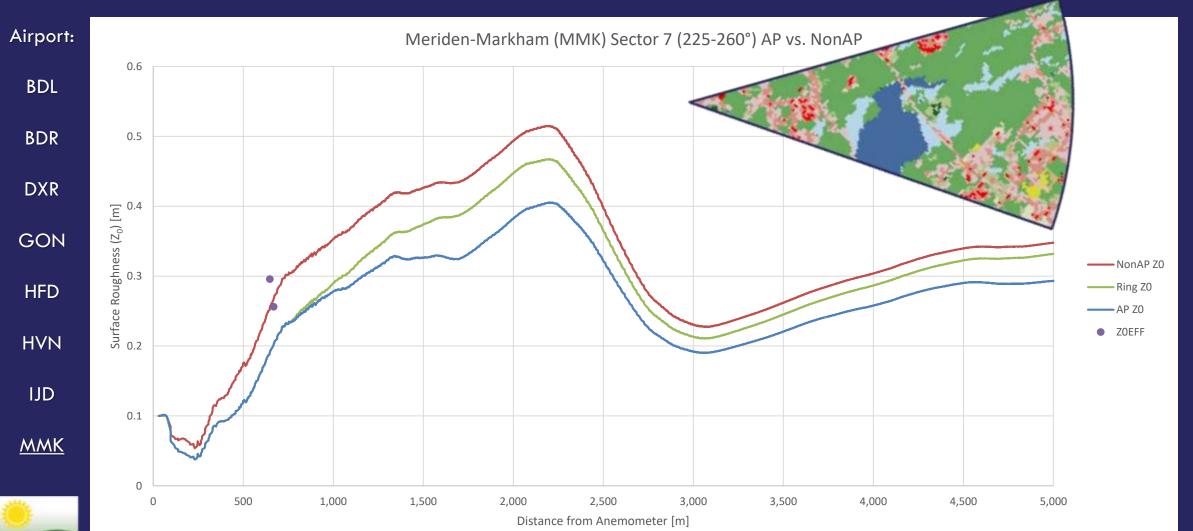




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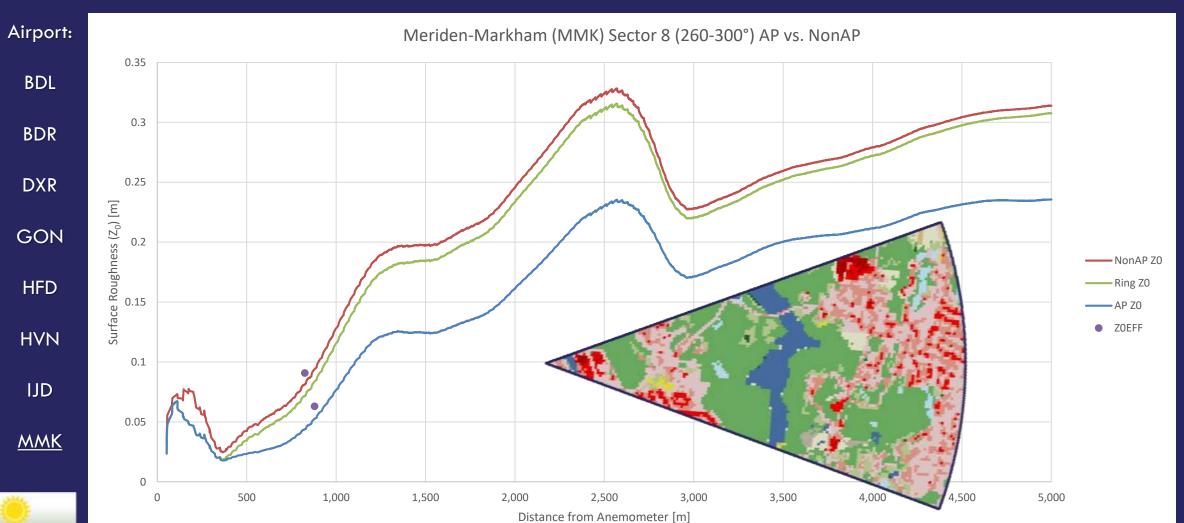


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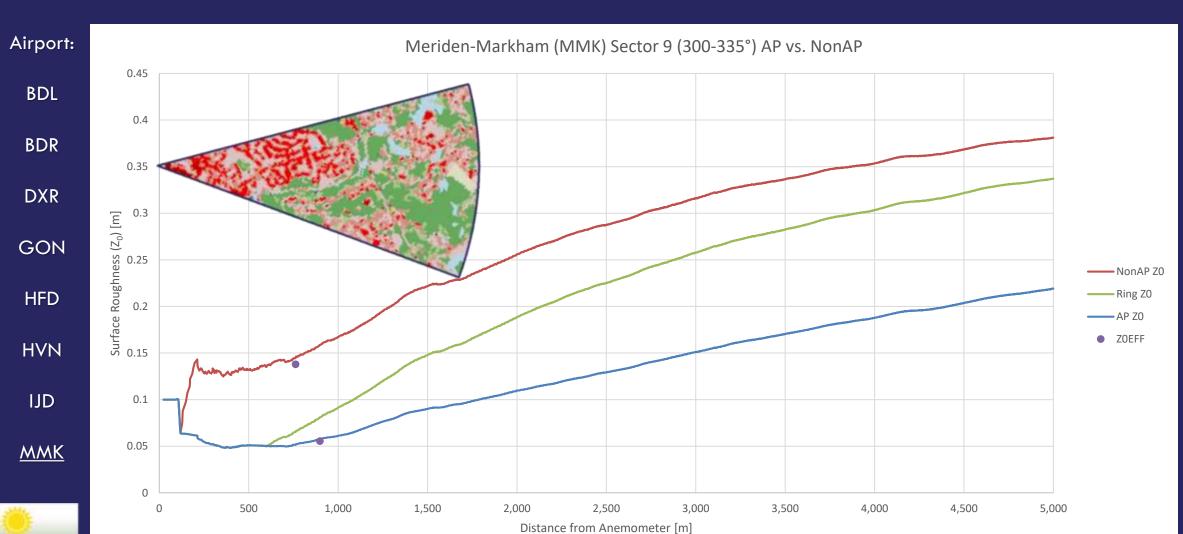
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